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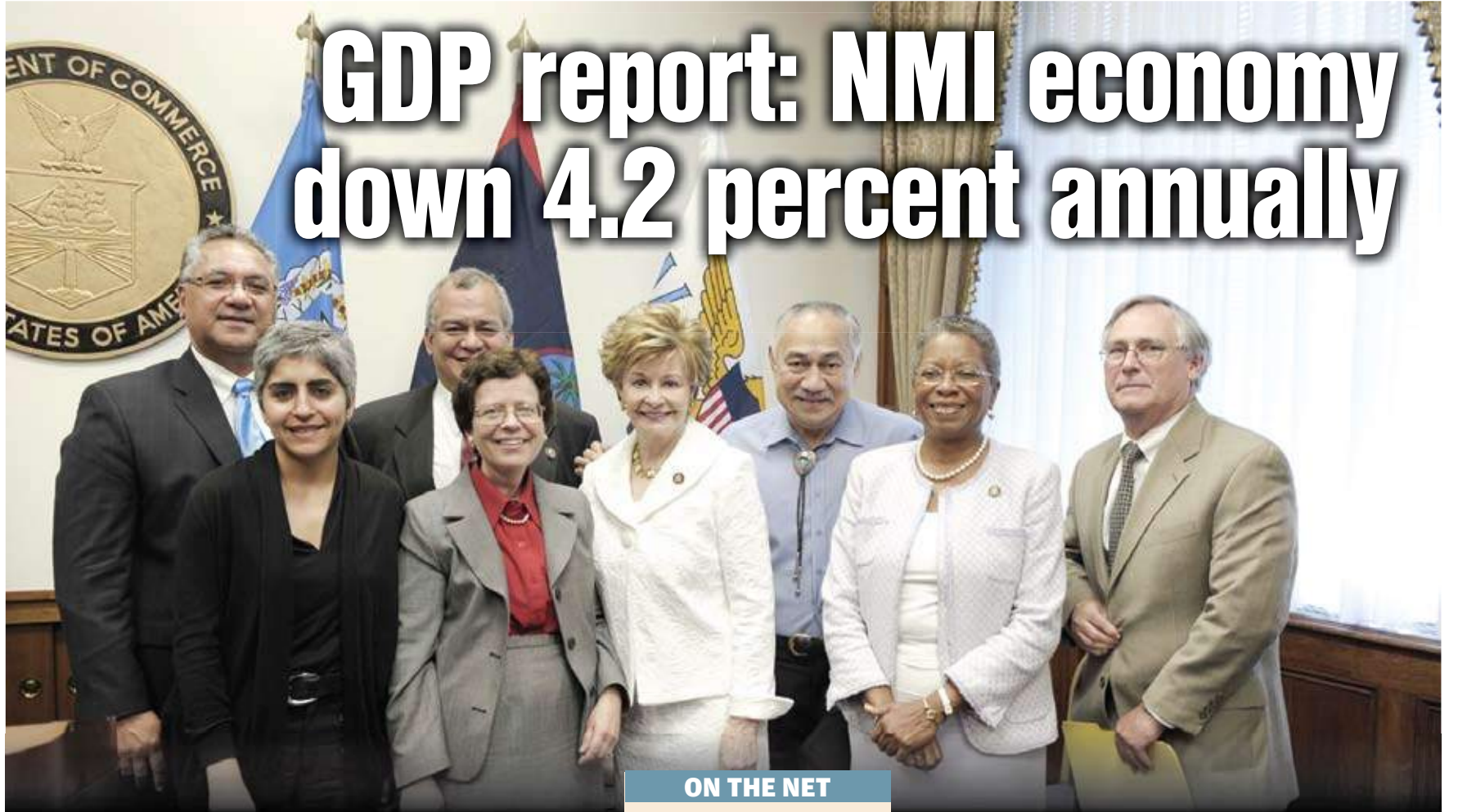
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A federal report on the islands' first ever gross domestic product data confirmed what everybody already knew: the CNMI economy, as well as its population, had been shrinking. It also highlighted an unpleasant fact: Of the four U.S. territories, it was only the CNMI that experienced an economic contraction.

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From left to right, Nik Pula, director, Office of Insular Affairs (Interior); Kiran Ahuja, executive director, White House Initiative for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; Rep. Gregorio Kilili Sablan (CNMI); Dr. Rebecca Blank, Commerce Undersecretary, Economic Affairs; Rep. Madeleine Bordallo (Guam); Rep. Eni Faleomavaega (American Samoa); Rep. Donna Christensen (U.S. Virgin Islands); and Dr. J. Steven Landefeld, director, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

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NMI to ask Congress to go slow on alien worker status proposal

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Lawmakers who are members of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's working group are drafting a joint resolution asking the U.S. Congress not to rush any action on the U.S. Department of the Interior's proposal to grant long-term immigration status

to some 20,000 nonresidents in the CNMI.

At the same time, the Fitial administration sees socio-economic problems with all of the five options Interior gave to Congress on how to go about giving improved status to alien workers.

Those options include conferring U.S. citizenship or permanent residency leading to U.S.

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CNMI MARINE MONUMENT VISITOR CENTER

A step closer to reality

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The CNMI's quest for a Mariana Trench Marine National Monument visitor center on the islands just got another boost.

The U.S. House Natural Resources Committee approved

yesterday Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's H.R. 3511, authorizing a visitor center for the marine monument in the CNMI.

"The approval was by voice vote. There was no dissent," Sablan (D-MP) said in a statement yesterday.

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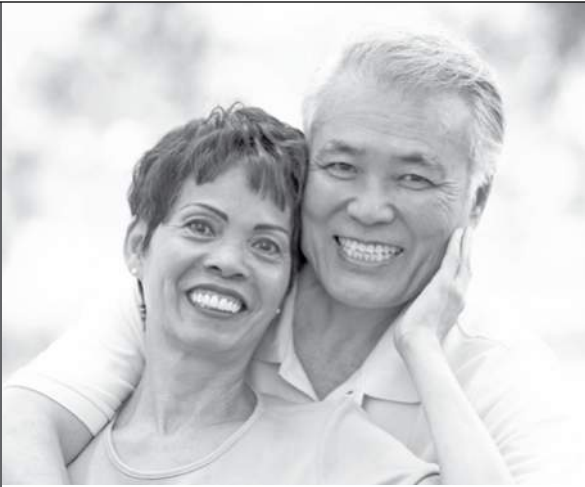
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Notorious laptop thief allegedly assaults detective inside poker

A teenager notorious for stealing laptops allegedly assaulted a detective inside a poker establishment in Chalan Kanoa.

Marvin Ringlen, 19, was arrested Monday for assault and battery, assault and battery, resisting arrest, and minor consuming liquor.

Superior Court associate judge Perry Inos on Tuesday imposed a \$10,000 cash bail for Ringlen's temporary liberty.

A police report stated that detective Sean White was conducting a routine check in the area on Saturday after an armed

robbery at Chang Won Restaurant in Chalan Kanoa.

The report said that White checked the Smile Poker 2:15am and saw Ringlen playing inside. When he confronted Ringlen,

the suspect allegedly hit his left hand and chest, then ran away. Police later arrested Ringlen at his house.

Ringlen is a Federated States of Micronesia citizen with a criminal history, mostly for burglary. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has moved for his removal from the CNMI. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Employee files \$3M suit vs Hard Rock for not paying for surgery

A maintenance helper has filed a \$3 million lawsuit against the owner of Hard Rock Café after being denied surgery in the Philippines for a lower back injury due to the company's and insurance firm's alleged refusal to pay for his medical costs.

As a result, Reynaldo M. Malinay was stranded in the Philippines from Dec. 20, 2009, to March 10, 2010, without any medical treatment whatsoever, according to the complaint filed in the Superior Court.

Malinay also claimed that his employer refused to pay his salary from Oct. 19, 2009, to April 30, 2010.

Malinay, through counsel Vincent DLG. Torres, sued HRC Saipan Co., owner of Hard Rock Café, for breach of contract, fraud, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to contact HRC Saipan yesterday for comments.

According to the complaint, Malinay was working at Hard Rock sometime in the evening of September 2009 when he picked up an ice cooler and heard a snap in his lower back.

The next day, he began to feel pain. The pain grew for the next several weeks and on Oct. 28, 2009, Malinay was flown to St.

Luke's Medical Center in the Philippines where he was told that surgery was needed. Malinay returned to Saipan on Nov. 20, 2009, and told his employer about this.

Torres said that Hard Rock assured the worker that the costs of the operation will be paid for by the insurance company or by HRC and that he should not worry about anything.

Relying on this, Torres said, Malinay left for the Philippines for surgery on Dec. 10, 2009. At St. Luke's, however, Malinay was allegedly informed that the surgery could not be performed because the insurance company refused to pay for the costs.

Torres said his client immediately contacted Hard Rock about this, but he was repeatedly promised not to worry because everything will be taken care of.

Torres said that, on May 10, 2010, after failing any hope of being treated and continuing to suffer severe pain, Malinay returned to Saipan. "Until today, [Hard Rock] still has not and refuses to pay for [Malinay's] medical costs," Torres said.

The lawyer said Malinay paid for all his expenses, including food and transportation, while in the Philippines. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Group proposes \$30K plan to help NMC find new president

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The Northern Marianas College Board of Regents is now reviewing a consultancy proposal for the search of a new president. The plan, submitted by the Association of Community Colleges Trustees, proposes a contract between \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the duration of the search process and includes tasks such as announcing the position and background checks on the candidates.

Board of Regents chair Janet Han King emphasized with the *Saipan Tribune*, however, that the decision would lie with the Presidential Search Committee that she would soon create.

"We received a proposal from ACCT when it learned that NMC is going through a presidential search. We forwarded the proposal to the [board's Fiscal Affairs Committee] for review and once the presidential search committee is formed, they will make the decision," King said.

ACCT is an organization of community colleges. NMC is a member of the group, based in

Washington, D.C.

Lorraine Cabrera is currently interim college president since the termination of former president Dr. Carmen Fernandez on April 12.

When asked whether the college can afford to pay for another consultant, King said the board is very mindful of the cost that will be incurred.

"That's why we asked the fiscal committee to look at that avenue. The board is very mindful of the cost...but we're also mindful of the importance and significance of the process of presidential search. We have to make sure that it's done with integrity, professionalism, and thoroughly," she said.

It took NMC about eight months to find a new president back in 2007 when former president Antonio Deleon Guerrero retired. At that time, the board did not hire a consultant to recruit a new president but regent Elaine Orilla told the board that the college hired a company to do background checks on the candidates.

The college also spent a significant cost to bring to the is-

land the top candidates for the board interview. Cabrera said the NMC Foundation helped the college defray this cost.

Cabrera submitted to the board a planning cost for this year's presidential search, which includes hotel accommodations and transportation of candidates from off-island. She did not disclose specific amounts during yesterday's board meeting.

King assured that she will not make the final appointment of the presidential search committee without the full board's input and approval.

The composition of the search committee was also briefly discussed in yesterday's meeting.

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos declared May as Mental Health Awareness Month for the CNMI in simple ceremonies last April 29.

This year's theme is HOPE, which is an acronym for Helping Ourselves with Positive Expressions. To help celebrate HOPE, there will be a walk-athon on May 8, 2010 at 6:30am from Kili Beach Pavilion going South to the tank in Beach Road. Registration begins at 6am.

Immediately following the walk-athon will be a Mental Health Wellness Fair at the Pavilion sponsored by the Coalition for Anti-Stigma of Mental Illness. The Community Guidance Center, alongside CAMI and its community partner Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc., encourage everyone to join them in their walk to promote HOPE.

The Community Guidance Center offers services to the people of the

CNMI to include but not limited to individual counseling, family counseling, anger management groups, relapse prevention groups, 12-step groups, and smoking cessation.

Furthermore, the Community Guidance Center, along with all its community partners encourages all residents of the CNMI to take some time daily to celebrate HOPE. For more information, contact the Community Guidance Center at 323-6560/61. (PR)

GDP

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The CNMI's real GDP decreased at an average annual rate of 4.2 percent between 2002 and 2007, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis said Wednesday.

The total amount of products and services produced in the CNMI in 2002 was \$1.32 billion as measured in the inflation-adjusted GDP, and steadily declined since then until it reached only \$962 million in 2007, the U.S. Commerce report shows.

The CNMI is the only one among four U.S. territories with an average annual drop in GDP, which represents the total value of goods and services produced by a country or territory.

Guam's GDP grew at an average of 1.8 percent, while American Samoa increased at an average of 0.4 percent between 2002 and 2007. The U.S. Virgin Islands also posted an annual average GDP growth of 2.9 percent in the same period.

More information is available at www.bea.gov/newsreleases/general/2010/territory_0310.htm.

The CNMI population shrunk at an average of 4.6 percent between 2002 and 2007. Federal data shows the population was at 74,372 in 2002 and began shrinking in 2005 until it reached only 58,629 in 2007.

These are all part of U.S. Commerce's first-ever official analysis of GDP in the four U.S. territories.

"Objectively gauging changes in economic activity is difficult in the absence of comprehensive economic metrics, such as GDP. Until now, a framework did not exist to estimate the GDP of these four U.S. territories," U.S. Commerce's BEA said.

It said the "estimates show that real GDP—GDP adjusted to remove price changes—grew over this period in each of the territories except the CNMI."

Gauging the size of the CNMI economy and population comes at a critical time when it's in the middle of debate as

to what to do with over 20,000 foreign workers that remain on the islands. The U.S. Department of the Interior wants the U.S. Congress to grant long-term status to workers who have been lawfully residing in the CNMI for at least five years.

'Not surprising'

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in an interview yesterday, said the results of the first report on the CNMI's GDP did not come as a surprise.

"This is a very interesting result, but something that's also expected," Inos said in an interview after signing a proclamation yesterday on Capital Hill declaring May 7 Provider Appreciation Day.

CNMI Commerce Secretary Michael Ada, in a separate interview, said future GDP data will also become available.

He said one of the goals is to build capacity, to also enable the U.S. territories to work on their own GDPs.

Inos said the report confirmed negative growth of the local economy, which he attributed to the demise of the garment industry, which used to post up to \$1 billion in annual sales, the Japan Airlines pullout, the 9/11, SARS, the devaluation of currencies of Japan and Korea which are the CNMI's main tourism markets, as well as federalization and minimum wage increase.

But he said the CNMI government sees economic growth spurred by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant funding of close to \$100 million.

Inos also pointed to the \$40 million to \$50 million in capital improvement projects in the pipeline.

"Most of the projects have been approved and ready to go to bid. Hopefully, within the next 18 months we'll be able to get not only the projects but those CIP monies circulating in the economy. These are water, roads and power projects. One big project is the Puerto Rico dump [final] closure which unfortunately ran into another snag, that's \$11 million to \$13 million project," Inos said.

Good start

CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, in a statement, said the inaugural release of the GDP data "is a good start."

He said what is needed is to have this kind of data available on a quarterly basis, just as it is for the rest of the United States.

"Unfortunately, today's news only confirms what people in the Northern Mariana Islands already know: our economy has been in serious recession. At the same time, the data show us that the drop in GDP became less severe in 2006 and 2007," he said.

Sablan said it will be very interesting to see if that trend continued into 2008 and 2009 and whether the tens of millions of ARRA dollars provided the CNMI have contributed to any improvement in the economy.

In Washington, DC

U.S. Commerce Undersecretary for Economic Affairs Dr. Rebecca Blank, along with Interior's Office of Insular Affairs director Nikolao Pula, led the release of the GDP reports in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday.

"On behalf of Secretary Salazar and Assistant Secretary Babauta, I want you to know that the Department of the Interior is very pleased to have been able to partner with the Department of Commerce and the [BEA] in funding the Statistical Improvement Program and collecting this much needed data. We are also pleased with the strong interest and cooperation we have received from the leaders and pertinent officials of the governments in the territories in making this happen," Pula said in a statement.

CNMI's Sablan, Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo, American Samoa Delegate Eni F. Faleomavaega and U.S. Virgin Islands Delegate Donna Christensen each provided remarks at the report presentation, as well as executive director Kiran Ahuja of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

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Sablan's bill will now move to the U.S. House of Representatives to be voted on.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said Sablan's bill "is essentially a follow through on what we thought was the agreement and understanding when the governor signed the memorandum of understanding [on the marine monument]. It's still consistent with what we discussed."

In 2008, the CNMI successfully petitioned the White House to create 95,000 square miles of marine protected area.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said in testimony before the House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife that his support of the monument designation came only after the Bush White House committed to constructing a visitor and science center in the CNMI.

Sablan thanked committee chair Nick Rahall "for putting my visitor center bill on the committee's agenda for today."

"And I appreciate the support of members on both sides of the aisle for this project, which will help fulfill the promises made by President Bush to Governor Fitial, when the terms of the Monument designation were under discussion in 2008," he added.

Sablan said the presidential proclamation that created the 95,000 square mile-monument does state that that the monument is to be managed "to promote monument-related scientific exploration and research, tourism, and recreational and economic activities and opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

H.R. 3511 authorizes the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior to construct a multipurpose visitor fa-

cility in the CNMI for the interpretation and public education and for enjoyment of the marine environment within the boundaries of the Marine National Monument.

If passed, the visitor center will have important economic and educational benefits in the CNMI.

Rep. Henry Brown (R-SC) offered an amendment, which was adopted without dissent, deleting a section that Republicans viewed as an earmarked appropriation.

Sablan said in his view, and in the view of the committee counsel and the legislative counsel, who drafted the bill, the simple act of authorizing the construction of the visitor center means that Congress is also authorizing the funds needed to construct it.

"Authorization to fund is implicit in the bill. The Republican amendment did nothing at all to change the intent and purpose of the bill, which is to authorize the construction of the visitors center," he said.

Sablan has already submitted a request to the House Appropriations Committee for inclusion of a \$1 million earmark for the visitor center in a Fiscal Year 2011 funding bill. Sablan said that request is not affected by the Brown amendment.

Sablan has also secured grant funds for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association to scope potential sites for the visitor center. The \$220,000 grant was included in the FY 2010 appropriation for NOAA.

A separate bill by Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo seeks a marine monument visitor's center in Guam.

Bordallo's bill has stirred debate as to where the marine monument should be located.

Bordallo's H.R. 4493 or the Bunitan Tasi bill, also passed the full House Natural Resources Committee yesterday by unanimous consent.

STATUS

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citizenship to aliens who have been legally residing in the CNMI for at least five years.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the Fitial administration sees "some detriments in moving forward with any of the recommendations... at the very least."

But as the working group has been meeting daily since its formation on Monday, the draft House joint resolution may be reworded or scrapped altogether until a consensus is reached.

Passing a joint resolution is in addition to the group's task of preparing the CNMI's own report to Congress, separate from Interior's report submitted last week.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), a member of the governor's non-partisan working group, said the group is doing its best to come up with a resolution reflecting the CNMI's planned unified position on the Interior recommendation.

Other members of the group said they intend to pass the joint resolution before a May 18 hearing on the federalization law in Washington, D.C.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) has yet to call a session, but Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) yesterday called for a session on Tuesday.

Inos said the unified position reflects the CNMI government's sentiment that it has not been consulted in the formulation of the report and recommendation.

"We still believe that we're not properly consulted or consulted at all... Sure they asked some or received some data from us but we didn't have the opportunity to even comment on [it] because we didn't know about [their] methodology. But we were not at all consulted at all prior to issuance of the report," Inos said.

The lieutenant governor said he asked Assistant Interior Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta on Friday to provide the CNMI with the data it used to base its report and support its recommendation to Congress.

Inos said Babauta has yet to provide the data he requested as of yesterday.

So far, among the options that the working group has looked at is to raise the five-year threshold on the aliens' length of stay in the CNMI.

This means that instead of five years, for example, the CNMI government want it raised to eight, 10 or 15 years.

In 1982, the U.S. Congress granted long-term status to over 20,000 nonimmigrant workers who had been in the U.S. Virgin Islands for more than seven years.

A draft of a U.S. Senate bill granting improved status to alien workers in the CNMI years back gave a 10-year threshold.

Inos said the position taken by many in the working group is that alien workers have been paid for their services in the CNMI, and that there are already procedures in place to grant foreigners long-term status under INA.

"That's an option available right now," he said.

Idol, contests highlight today's NMC Charter Day fete

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The Northern Marianas College will be celebrating its 29th Charter Day today at the campus field in As Terlaje from 4pm to 10pm.

Headlining the event will be the highly anticipated Marianas Idol Competition, the Charter Day Dance Crew Competition and the Battle of the Bands.

Akeiko Dela Cruz, Iunie Wabol, Joan Liwanag, Cassie Kaipat, Jane Ogumoro, and Ben Norita will be facing off for the coveted Marianas Idol title.

The ETC Crew and the Rockabeat Kings, meanwhile, will take to the stage for the Charter

Day Dance Crew Competition.

Three bands—Stick it To Da Man, 100% Juice, and Irie Rice—will be rocking the crowd in the Battle of the Bands Competition.

NMC will hand out cash prizes and gift items courtesy of IT&E, Shell Marianas, 670 Rock Steady, and Box Office Video for all the competition winners.

Other competitions will include the Pika PROA Hot Pepper Eating Contest, the Coconut Husking Contest, the Frozen T-shirt Contest, and the first-ever NMC Campus King and Queen Contest.

The entertainment fare will also include Maggie Naputi and the Go-for-Broke Band, Palauan Dancers, Pacific Flowers, Fatal

Hitz, Inatuas, Absolutely Unsure, and Black Sands Band.

Tonight's celebration is open to the public for free.

There will also be several vendors featuring island delicacies and specialty drinks for sale. Confirmed booths include Spicy Thai Noodles, Shirley's Coffee Shop, Fong's Bakery, Fotten Gaga, The Set, Creative Guruk, Northern Marianas Academy, U2 Collection, Hula Girl, Java Joe's and much more.

"This year's Charter Day event will feature great entertainment and exciting competitions that we hope everyone can enjoy. We are very thankful to all our sponsors who have contributed to the success of this event," said interim NMC president Lorraine Cabrera.

DCCA: Improved status for nonresident workers will adversely impact programs

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs believes that its federally funded programs will be adversely affected if the islands' nonresident workers are granted improved immigration status.

Because of this, the department opposes the Interior Department's recommendations to Congress to consider granting improved immigration status to long-term alien workers in the Commonwealth, said DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao.

DCCA administers a number of need-based programs such as the Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamp program; low-income housing energy assistance program; and child care development fund to assist poor children and families on the islands.

In his report to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday, Faisao said that about half of the CNMI population lives below the U.S.

poverty guidelines and the number is expected to jump because of the current economic state of the islands.

"The overwhelming majority of the eligible alien workers in the CNMI also live below the U.S. poverty guidelines and thus would be eligible for participation in these need-based programs. This would create the result of substantially more people competing for a limited amount of money," Faisao said.

Any increase in the number of participants in these programs would be further exacerbated by foreign workers now being able to bring to the CNMI their family members, who also would be eligible for most of the benefits, he said.

Faisao said granting U.S. citizenship to alien workers would have a devastating effect on the effectiveness of the aid provided by DCCA programs. *(Moneth Deposa)*



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4,500 absentee Philippine ballots remain unclaimed

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With only three days left before the May 10 Philippine elections, more than 4,500 ballot packages for Filipino absentee voters in the CNMI remain unclaimed at the Philippine Consulate General.

Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig said yesterday that they expect more voters to come in this weekend, but they are prepared for the worst.

Macaraig hopes that most voters will not wait for the May 10 deadline to turn in their ballots as this will delay the counting of votes.

"That's why I am appealing again to our voters to please don't wait for the last day rush," he said.

The Consulate noted that weekends have accounted for a big part of the total ballots submitted. "Over 53.5 percent of the total ballots received were submitted during weekends," Macaraig said.

"Monday is the last day. We hope for a peaceful and honest

and orderly conduct of the elections including the counting and canvassing," he added.

There are 7,169 registered Filipino voters in the CNMI but the actual number of voters on island is expected to be much lower due to the many workers who have already left the CNMI.

Macaraig said he encountered a voter who identified at least five persons on the voters' list who already went back home.

He said more than 2,000 overseas absentee voters have already turned in their accomplished ballots, and a little over 500 ballots are still due for submission.

Macaraig assured that cheating will never happen in the voting and counting of votes at the Consulate.

"On the actual counting, aside from the watchers, the people who will count the numbers—the Board of Election Inspectors and Board of Canvassers—are coming from the Filipino community. Plus it's open to the media," he said.

Only the watchers, Macaraig said, are authorized to register complaints, if there is any.

Today, Friday, the Consulate is open from 9am to 5pm. On weekends, it is open from 8am to 4pm. On May 10, it will be open from 8am to 8pm.

The counting of votes will be held at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza on May 10 at 8pm. The results will be brought by the chairman of the Special Board of Canvassers to the Philippine Senate and the Commission on Election in Manila.

Flores vows to cut costs; OKs \$25K travel budget

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores vowed yesterday to cut unnecessary expenditures, including limiting off-island conferences and trips.

This fiscal year, Flores' travel is set at \$25,000 until the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30.

Since he assumed the post in January, Flores said he has only traveled off-island once—a five-day trip to Japan for the traditional Sanpoen visit. In return, he said these Japanese students are expected to visit Saipan for five days in July.

Saipan Tribune learned that another five-day "cultural" trip is scheduled for the mayor in Korea this month.

He pointed out that these travels are important and not excessive because they promise potential economic benefits to the CNMI.

People who travel for official government business are also provided per diem allowances, the amount of which depends on the destination.

Flores said yesterday that another important trip he intends to take is the annual mayors' conference.

"I have to make sure that travel like this is beneficial for our island. But as for other invitations and conferences, we have to evaluate and assess if these will help our people," Flores said. (Moneth Deposa)

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OPA chief investigator deemed not a flight risk

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman has determined that Office of Public Auditor's chief investigator Juan M. Santos, who is facing charges of unlawfully purchasing ammunition, is not a flight risk and does not pose a danger to the community if released.

In an order issued yesterday granting Santos' motion for bail modification, Wiseman allowed Santos to be freed on his own personal recognizance.

He also ordered the return of the 10 percent bond deposit to Santos and kept his unsecured appearance bond as is.

The judge ordered Santos' release in view of his current and past positions of employment in the CNMI government, and several other bonds to the community, together with other positive factors.

Santos, 43, a law enforcement officer for 22 years, was arrested on April 23 and was charged with one count of unlawful purchase of ammunition and one count of unlawful possession of ammunition in relation to his purchase of two boxes of .22 caliber long rifle ammunition from a store. Santos pleaded not guilty.

Santos, through counsel Bruce Berline, asked the court that he be allowed to travel so he could continue to provide for himself and his family and take care of his wife's medical needs.

Santos' wife, Vicky Cepeda Santos, is reportedly ill and requires regular medical attention both here and in the Philippines. They have six children.

The government, through assistant attorney general Michael L. Ernest, did not oppose the lifting of travel restrictions but required Santos to provide prior notice and that his travels should be limited to medical purposes.

In granting the motion, Wiseman said that Santos is highly unlikely to flee or pose a danger to the safety of any other person in the community if released.

Wiseman ordered the government to return the passport to the defendant, but required him to sign a general waiver of extradition and provide an itinerary and copy of a round trip ticket for his travel.

The judge set a status conference for May 12, 2010 at 9am. (Ferdie de la Torre)



Santos

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 7, 1999

New takeover bid

In its continuing attempt to control CNMI's labor and immigration functions, President Clinton's special representative to the 902 talks has offered a new package of proposals that would apply US laws on immigration, minimum wage and customs in the Northern Marianas. In a letter to Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan, Edward B. Cohen outlined steps Washington could implement if the federal government assumes jurisdiction of the immigration and minimum wage policies of the Commonwealth. Cohen said the proposal drafted for Clinton was presented to the local government to solicit their input before it is submitted to the US Congress.

4 more named in human smuggling

The US federal court yesterday indicted four Chinese nationals on four counts each of alleged human smuggling of some 141 illegal immigrants from China, joining two others who are now facing a grand jury on similar charges. According to lawyer Kevin Seely of the US Attorney's Office, Jing Xiao Zhan (a.k.a. Zun Jin Xiao), Jian Zhi Ruan, Qing Mo Wang and Zhen Qing Wang were named together with Hua Jin Lin and Shan Hua Huang, who were earlier indicted in the court on Saipan. The six are believed to have led the attempts to bring a boat load of Chinese without legal documents to enter the US territory. These 141 undocumented aliens are now staying at a temporary shelter on Tinian. Arriving at the San Jose Harbor last April 17, they represented the first batch of illegal immigrants who were caught by US Coast Guard in international waters believed to be heading for Guam.

May 7, 2001

More contaminants unearthed

Additional sampling and assessment measures are necessary to completely address contamination concerns originating from the Puerto Rico dumpsite following the discovery of a number of other low-level contaminants. Although the contaminants do not endanger public health and the environment, Earth Tech Inc., has recommended a more extensive round of sediment sampling and total closure of the Puerto Rico dumpsite to prevent any leaching of contamination. The Environmental Site Assessment for the Puerto Rico said closure of the dumpsite according to federal standards will result in the cessation of any leaching problem and concerns of contamination earlier raised by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

CUC accused of nepotism

Not even close to getting over a financial controversy, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation may yet again face tight scrutiny by the Legislature following reports it recently hired employees who are close relatives of its board members. CUC recently hired Danny Quitugua, reportedly a brother-in-law of Board Member Frank Flores, as computer analyst under the Electronic Data Processing Department for \$50,000 per year. The power corporation also reportedly employed the services of two other board members' sons for \$20,000 and \$21,000 per year. However, CUC said there was nothing in the paper yet that will prove that they had actually been signed up for employment with the government-controlled utility firm.

May 7, 2002

CUC revives fuel surcharge plan

With the continuous increase in fuel prices, the comptroller of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation emphasized the need to implement a fuel surcharge program that would levy on the customers' billings oil price adjustments that increase operational cost. Saying that such a program is "more in line with the times," comptroller Rufo T. Mafnas said supporting such a program is "more fiscally prudent," as he also disclosed that the improvement in the CUC's financial condition was due to reduced fuel cost.

65 grams of ice seized from two tourists

A couple aboard a rented vehicle were caught in possession of 65 grams of crystal methamphetamine or ice that they allegedly planned to sell on Saipan. Police said the controlled substance in their possession has a street value equivalent to \$52,000. Chizawa Manabu, 36, and Iida Nobuko, 27, both Japanese nationals, were nabbed by special agents in Central Garapan Friday afternoon after they were discovered with a purple bag containing a black casing filled with 21 zip-loc plastics of ice, Public Safety spokesperson Lt. Pete C. Muña said.

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Terrorism shouldn't change our values

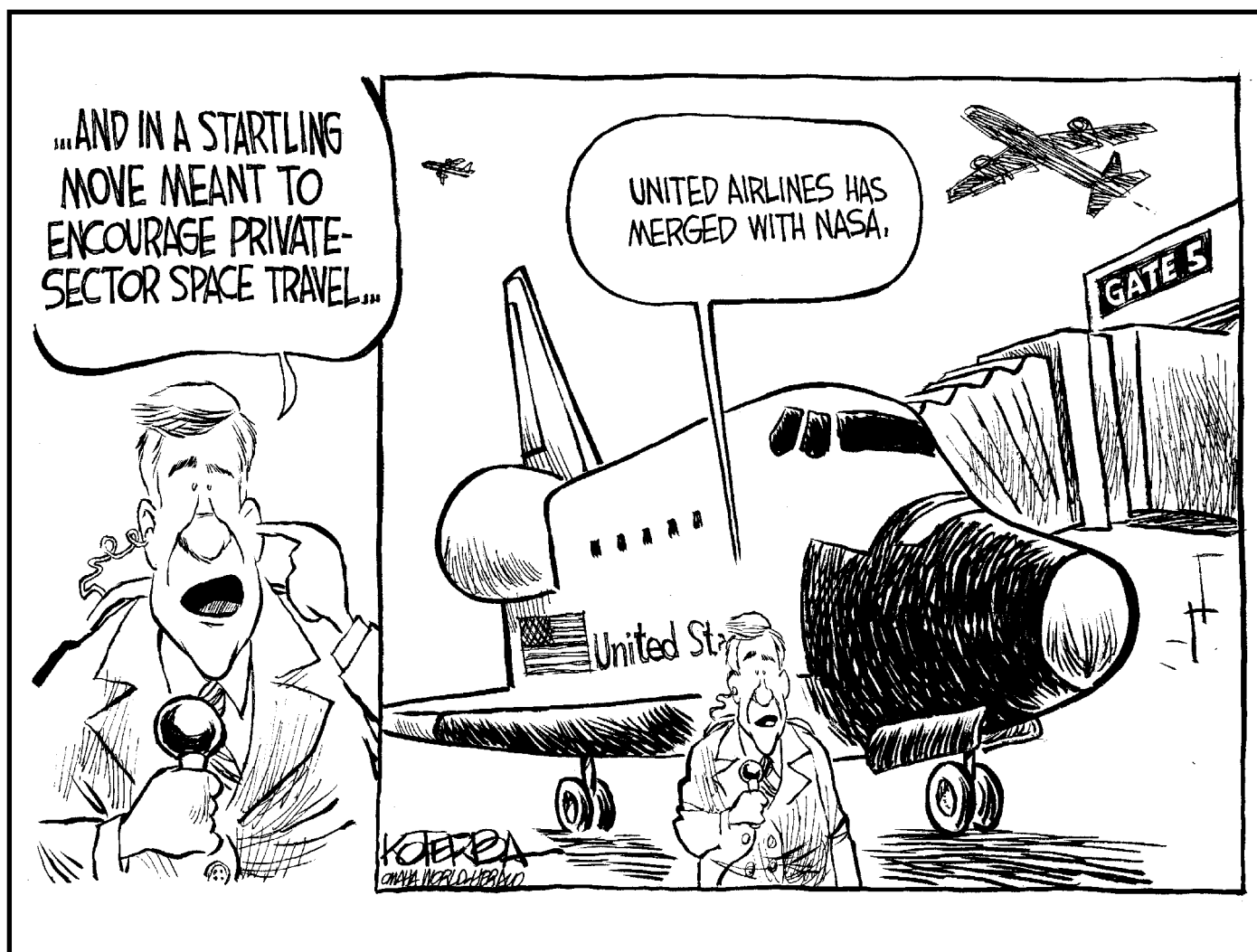
Are shoe bombers and car bombers facts of American life now? Sadly, they probably are, just as school shootings, gang violence and the occasional rampage by a knife-wielding mental patient at Target are lamentable features of contemporary society. Citizen vigilance and the incompetence of would-be bombers have spared American lives on a couple of occasions now, most recently in Times Square. Nimble police work and improved coordination among law enforcement agencies have saved untold more. Those successes are a reminder of what works in combatting violence, whether it is generated on the streets of Los Angeles or in the caves of Afghanistan. They are the appropriate responses of a society in which civil liberties are a source of strength, not weakness, and in which effective law enforcement coexists with respect for privacy and personal freedom.

Britain lived with Irish Republican Army attacks for decades while fighting an urban war over Northern Ireland, just as Israel has faced decades of bloodletting by militants over its occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Both countries have struggled to balance policing and democracy. The 9/11 attacks preceded the United States' war in Afghanistan, and it is debatable whether ending U.S. military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan would eliminate the threat of terrorism from Islamic fundamentalists who see the West as the enemy. But certainly these attempts will continue while we are engaged in this kind of prolonged war.

The arrest of a suspect in the Times Square attempt is a testament to excellent police work. Faisal Shahzad was captured at New York's Kennedy Airport after he had boarded a flight to Dubai. Nonetheless, some commentators seized on the attempted car bombing as further proof of an Obama administration failure to advance in a global war on terrorism; Republican Rep. Peter King of New York and Sen. John McCain of Arizona argued against reading Shahzad his Miranda rights, even though he is a naturalized U.S. citizen detained in the United States. Critics should take a deep breath. Even terrorism does not justify this and other aggressive tactics that fall outside the law, such as torture and warrantless wiretapping. Fortunately, Shahzad was read his rights after being questioned for an undetermined period under a public safety exception.

A suicide bomb or car bomb is intended to take lives, of course, but its greater purpose is to instill an incapacitating fear in the survivors and a repressive overreaction on the part of society that somehow serves as warped justification for the original attack. If that happens, a Nigerian on a Christmas Day flight to Detroit, or a Pakistani-American who allegedly bought the SUV that was left in Times Square can succeed even when his bombs fail.

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China Trails 6: Walmart and other Ws

In many shops in Guilin this week, I saw promotional flyers from that behemoth from Arkansas that a lot of my colleagues in the mainland take exception to relative to the health of local economies and the integrity of labor when the company moves into a particular location. The flyers from Walmart Supercenter were a wee bit better printed than the ones Saipan companies frequently stick into my mailbox.

China has always been a key producer of Walmart products, so it only makes sense that when the China market was opened to foreign investors, that company would not hesitate to line up with its own outlets. Last year, I went to one in Liaoning after I visited a store in New York and priced the cost of a 4G flash drive. Since I was going to be in *Dong Bei* during the summer, I deferred from buying thinking that it would be cheaper in China. Guess what? It wasn't.

It turned out that Walmart in China charged 10 percent more for a China-made product than it would for the same item in suburban NYC. Employees in China were paid much less than their U.S. counterparts, and goods would conceivably be cheaper at source than it is 12-time zones away. Not so. Chinese consumers pay more.

The rise of small entrepreneurs is, of course, a critical component of the backbone of the new Chinese economy. To make a blanket accusation against Walmart of unfair practices would be unfair, so I checked out the price of an umbrella in Guilin. It had been raining and I got tired darting from one shop to another. Walmart was 20 percent less than the cheapest price I would have to pay among the local outlets, including the allegedly cheap low-overhead street market.

To be fair, I did not compare the quality of the products, though it is a good guess that Walmart bulk buying makes it easier for it to undersell the competition. At surface value, this is not bad for the consumers unless the cheaper product is also lower in quality, and though that might be unethical to some, it is not actually an unknown business practice.

Watching the merchants and consumers in the tourist town of Yangshuo, Guangxi, in one of the restaurants of its West Street walking mall, I started playing with words beginning with "W" that I had recently run into, stuck in my mind, or thought relevant in my situation. W.C. stood out as the most obvious one.

I had not heard of the water closet (the French call it "toilet," "comfort room" to Pinoys, and "restroom" to Americans) nor the initials 'W.C.' since I was foolish enough to travel to the Deccan plateau of India's State of Maharashtra in the '70s and had my whole being blown totally out of its familiar and comfortable moorings (being a traveler rather than a tourist can often prove dangerous to the self); and since I chanced on being in London on a stopover to Lagos, Nigeria in the early '80s when I found out that traveling with a Philippine passport, even with a U.S. immigrant card, required a visa in England (and the OED equated the word "Filipina" with "nanny") and emerged from the tube at Piccadilly Circus to be confronted by a KFC and a Mickey D's when I was salivating for a

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genuine fish-and-chips place (looking for a W.C., and calculating a dash to the Isle of Dogs), and before Nigerians got into the habit of hacking each other for political one-up-manship (gosh, this is a long context for just a W.C.), I had to run into the word "W.C." again, in all places, Guangxi, China.

A consequence of Guilin and Yangshuo becoming a destination of choice for the global backpackers and those of independent but not extravagant means, is that many of the countryside folks have come to the urbanizing centers ending up as *watchers* and *waiters*. The formal watchers seem to go with the territory. They are the ubiquitous security guards who look at you without the tenderness of a Pekingese dog. A guard said that he and his brother served two years watching Russian soldiers across the Amur river in freezing weather, and thereby, developed the tolerance threshold of one who stoically stare at others.

Then there are the waiters. Whether at the fancy hotels, or the sidewalk eatery, someone has the job to wait on a customer, and for a consumer used to grabbing and examining a product of interest on their own, I had to learn how to be waited upon. Happily, except in the main cities of Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Dalian, the practice of tipping waiters is not a common practice, yet.

On May 1, International Labor Day, China went on a three-day holiday for students and the workers. In a country where commerce determines one's life style, doing work comes with the act of breathing. Idle hands, particularly in the city, actually goes with minds scheming for the next attempt at making a killing elsewhere. If there is money to be made, someone is already figuring out how to make it.

Early on, the *Warriors of the Way* were of interest to our spiritual sense. They were the motion meditation Taoist and martial arts Buddhist who tried to figure how to live life following the right way and the right methods, with right thoughts and right deeds, in congruence with the force of nature, and in balance and harmony among elements of the social structure. Sadly, they had been elbowed away by the pursuit, albeit, in a lively way, of commerce. The *yin-yang* is distant second fiddle to the *Yuan*.

Mei dong lao is the Chinese for McDonald, and *Ken da qi* is the Colonel's KFC. *Wo er ma* is Walmart, and in my limited Putunghua, that translates into "Am I #2?" W.C. is now getting replaced by its French counterpart; Walmart is heading for #1.

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China's economy

Some of Saipan's folks have been placing some bets on Chinese tourism. But tourism isn't the last word on things, it's merely the first. We're on China's doorstep, which is a lot more exciting than pondering the Middle Kingdom from the distant expanses of the U.S. mainland. As a buyer, and as a seller, China is mondo important.

But some credible guys have been raising some warnings about China's economy lately. I haven't seen concerns this acute in the past decade, so anyone in the Commonwealth who deals in business should be aware of the issue.

Earlier this week, economist Marc Faber, someone worth heeding, said this (carried by Bloomberg on May 3): "The Chinese economy is going to slow down. ...It is more likely that we will even have a crash sometime in the next 12 months."

Crash? Yikes. Did that get your attention? It got mine. It got everyone else's, too.

Faber is one of a few sharp guys, including commodities expert Jim Rogers, who are pointing to a big bubble in the Chinese real estate market.

My take on these things, in China or anywhere else, is very basic: A bubble in and of itself is not a big deal, economically; but if a bubble has been built on government schemes (as the U.S. real estate bubble was, one way or another, visible or otherwise), then it indicates a capital market that is distorted. It's the distortions that cause the real economic damage, as opposed to the mere popping of the bubble itself.

Letters to the Editor

One awesome book: A must for every home

"As previously noted, it was not the civil administration of the islands by Spain that had a more lasting impact in the lives of the Chamorro people, the native inhabitants who had been living on the islands for about three thousand years before their discovery by Magellan. Rather, it was the Catholic Church which made a lasting impact to and influenced the lives of the Chamorro people."

Justice Jose S. Dela Cruz gave me the opportunity recently to read the clean copy (publish-ready) of his manuscript. It is the greatest eye opener yet on the written episode of the CNMI! His book is written simply and clearly; page by page it is well interwoven and it makes reading unstoppable until the last page in the last chapter is read and the book is placed down on the table. It is a book about our islands that is so entertaining that you just want to keep reading and reading, and wondering and wondering. Because for every page one realizes how we much we've forgotten about what has transpired in our lifetime, such as some of the most embarrassing events that occurred in the islands 10 to 15 years ago—those events that slipped so fast from our memory and have apparently been forgotten. Justice Dela Cruz's book is reminding us of what happened so we can learn from our mistakes.

The book explains why we are encountering today's problems on the islands. For example, it includes the recent implementation

English and ignorance

English is one of the more "accurate" languages in use today, which is why it has been embraced and adopted by the airline industry and most of the international community. I truly respect the concern for indigenous languages but if translations are needed, then provide a translator but the argument to have all the discussion on Article XII in the local languages is idealistic but not realistic. I've seen the phenomenon of idealism versus realism many times in my personal and professional life. I can tell you from experience that the reality of the situation always prevails which is why we must be realistic in the approach to addressing Article XII.

It would be ideal for the conversation on Article XII to be in the indigenous languages but that is not possible for several reasons. First of all, there are two local languages so will everything have to be repeated twice? See the problem already? The indigenous languages have not been maintained and have not advanced with the times, leading to many of the words being in English anyway. There are also many indigenous people who no longer speak the languages fluently enough to totally comprehend everything. It is also very disrespectful to talk about the lives and the future welfare of fellow U. S. citizens in a language they cannot understand. But the most sinister thing is the implication to make all non-locals impotent in the Article XII issue. Just total disrespect.

Ignorance also plays a role in the Article XII issue when people

So to understand the potential impact of a Chinese real estate bubble, you'd have to understand the structure and nuances of Chinese capital markets, including the role of government, and I most certainly do not understand those details at all. I just plain don't know.

Sometimes it's nice to think about the human side of things, instead of the technical side. And, on this note, there's a lot of room for optimism. Even if mainland China is too big of a riddle to solve, then consider Singapore, or Taiwan, or Hong Kong; places famously known for their prosperity, productivity, entrepreneurial drive, and healthy ambition. The Chinese are a capable people, to be sure. And what is an economy? It's people or, as the Ludwig Von Mises would have said, "human action."

Yes, action. From my experience, the Chinese are excellent doers, perhaps the world's best, instead of being idle talkers. I have to say this is the diametric opposite of the modern West, where being willfully (even proudly) helpless is somehow considered noble.

If China does encounter any serious, bubble-related turmoil, we'll probably see the cost of raw materials, including oil, drop like a rock. But outside of oil, the other stuff wouldn't have much of an impact on Saipan, so that stuff would be more of interest to speculators, some of whom do live On Saipan, at least part-time.

And turning this telescope the other way around, I've been looking to prices of some industrial materials, notably copper, to see if they might give me some hints about China's economic activity. Thus far, my studies have succeeded in giving me a moderate head-

of the U.S. immigration and minimum wage laws. We had thought we were a full-fledged U.S. commonwealth in 1978. But we were still a part of the Trust Territory until 1986, the year the Trusteeship Agreement was terminated. During these eight-year period, the U.S. allowed us to conduct self-government on our own with very little guidance because we were not yet a U.S. commonwealth. The U.S. did not give any guidance or assistance to the islands regarding immigration and minimum wage matters. The U.S. simply sat comfortably nearby and watched as we got excited with our new self-government. By 1986 we had begun allowing the influx of foreign nationals to come and work on our islands. Why? You should buy the book when it comes out in July and find out why.

"The commonwealth government has not done a good job of handling immigration on the islands. But the main problem with the new federal immigration and minimum wage laws is that it is not tailored to meet the economic needs of the islands."

The writer did not mention people's names, but as you read the book, you could figure out how the problems of the Commonwealth began. You could figure out why foreign investors were able to influence our leaders. Read the book and you will know why Speaker Nancy Pelosi called us "criminals." You will know why the national media took up arms and reported to the world why there is still slavery in the USA. The book also mentions that some of those who were called friends of the Commonwealth like Jack Abramoff and others later went to jail! Read all about it in the new book that's coming out this summer.

The book also brings back sweet memories of the early days on the islands after the war. I was old enough to remember the good ole jeep riding days to the farm! And we all thought how rich our neighbor was if they had a bigger ride—weapons carrier which was

make assertions that I have something to gain by changing Article XII. I don't have any personal interest other than my grandchildren and their children after them. Almost everyone on this small island knows that I have a home, my children can own land and I don't need land for myself. It is obvious that some of the pro-Article XII people will just say anything to kill and discredit the messenger so they can have it their way. At least they stopped using my name in the title to their letters and writing directly to me, which is a step toward becoming an intellectual. But I'm sure most of readers with common sense know I'm fighting for the rights of indigenous land-owners to choose whom they will sell to, my fellow U. S. citizens from the mainland, other islanders who are long-term residents of the CNMI that deserve a house and lot and, most importantly, the principles and values of America, the same principles that local youths are fighting and dying for.

So let's get real about this and stop the drama and stop showing your ignorance in the news—I didn't use a name but I'm sure almost every reader knows who I'm talking about. Article XII is too big, too important, affects too many people for arguments to be based on any individual. We need to stick to the facts and factors and not talk about people in the news. Let's discuss the matter objectively in English and get educated or someone is going to continue to look and be very ignorant about Article XII.

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Kagman, Saipan

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ache, and that's about all.

China is only half the equation, though. If you follow international news, you'll note turmoil in Greece, which is rooted in the doomed entropy of the modern entitlement state. The smart money sees the same thing on the way in Spain, Portugal, and, then, eventually, the largest economies in the West. Indeed, it's getting to the point where if you want something done, or something made, or something calculated, you have to do it in industrial Asia.

China's rise has been so dramatic that it's bound to hit some bumps in the economic road. But if there is any economic turmoil on the way (and I don't know if there is), it might be difficult to tell right away if the problems are merely superficial and temporary, or if they are deep and structural.

I usually like to showcase my bold predictions in economic stuff, but when it comes to the Chinese economy, I know just enough about it to know that I do not know nearly enough about it.

the equivalent of our modern day, 4x4 pickup truck.

"Where did we go wrong," Manuel [the book's imaginary character] quietly asked himself. "How did we end up in this economic mess? What could the leaders of the Commonwealth do to turn our economy around?"

Retired chief justice Dela Cruz's book's title is "From Colonialism to Self-Government: The Northern Marianas Experience." It is ideal as reading material for students studying the history of our islands. It is brilliantly written to describe the huge contrast in the experience of the islands from 300 years of colonization previously and our 30-year experience as a self-governing Commonwealth. Retired chief justice Dela Cruz is to be commended for writing one of the most eye-opening and heart touching books about our young Commonwealth.

I am humbled and I thank him for allowing me the grandest opportunity to take a peek into his book before it is published. This book is a must for every home!

Alexandro The Colonel" Sablan
Dandan, Saipan

Questions

The scheduled May 8th strategy meeting for alien workers and IRs reported in the *Saipan Tribune's* May 6th edition mentioned the following: "We are urging that U.S. Congress consider granting permanent residency or U.S. citizenship [to] alien workers who have lawfully resided in the CNMI for the minimum period of five years."

I ask Mr. Rabby Syed and Ms. Pamela Brown of the Federal Ombudsman the following questions:

■ How many illegal aliens employed and unemployed were included under the umbrella permits?

■ What and where is the actual correct number of illegal aliens included and registered by the Federal Ombudsman reported to the Department of the Interior?

■ Why are the numbers being ignored and not mentioned?

A response to this matter will shed light on the hidden personal political agenda by and between the Federal Ombudsman and the Department of the Interior.

The CNMI is not a stepping stone to amnesty.

Gregorio Cruz
Taotao Tano

Arizona law assistance

I am writing this for all who have family members or students living in Arizona: Please remember the new law does not go into effect for 90 days so law enforcement can be properly trained. I have contacted the governor and explained that Chamorros are citizens, where they are from, and that there are a good number of them living in and going to college in Arizona.






Also, if families or students have any problems or questions, please telephone Gov. Jan Brewer at 1-800-253-0883 for immediate help.

Franklin Keiper
Mayer, Arizona

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼79
Palau	Showers	▲86 ▼78
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲86 ▼76
Chuuk	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼78
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲89 ▼77
Kosrae	Showers	▲90 ▼80
Majuro	Rain	▲87 ▼79

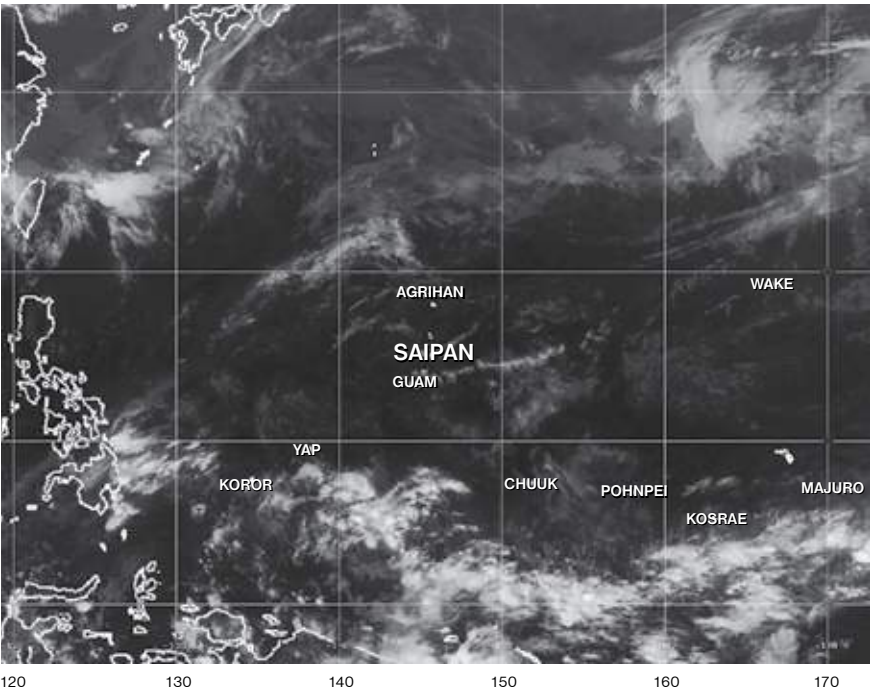
Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲64 ▼57
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲80 ▼53
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲80 ▼69
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲82 ▼73
London	Showers	▲54 ▼45
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲75 ▼55
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲93 ▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲68 ▼54
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲89 ▼74
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲73 ▼59
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲72 ▼54
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲60 ▼42
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼54
Rome	Showers	▲67 ▼53
Salem	Sunny	▲70 ▼45
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲61 ▼49
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲70 ▼49
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲71 ▼59
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲79 ▼66

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:09 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
9:20 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
1:52 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
8:43 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Yap within 75 miles of a line from 4N139E to 8N139E and well to the south of Guam along the equator or south of a line from 3N139E to 3N150E. Convergent trade winds are causing scattered showers south of Kosrae and Majuro within 80 miles of a line from 3N163E to 4N174E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring northeast of Tarawa within 175 miles of a line from 3N176E to 4N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:37 PM
Monday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:02 AM	12:58 PM
Saturday	1:37 AM	1:45 PM
Sunday	2:12 AM	2:31 PM
Monday	2:47 AM	3:18 PM
Tuesday	3:24 AM	4:08 PM

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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM				GUAM-ROTA (ROP)			
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5	C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily	DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6	CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
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OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN	C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM	PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau	C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily	FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily	FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily	FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily	Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
Guam-Rota				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily	FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily	FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily	FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily	FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily	FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily	FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily	FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily	FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DPS issues fire advisory

The Department of Public Safety has issued a fire safety advisory, urging residents to exercise caution when lighting fires outdoors.

DPS said the high winds and dry conditions now being experienced on Saipan make it easy for fires to spread rapidly. Bush fires also contribute to tree loss and deforestation.

In light of the increasing number of fires reported in recent weeks, DPS encouraged everyone to observe the following:

- Never light a fire in the open when it is windy.

- Avoid using fires to clear land, especially during the dry season.

- Put out cigarette butts before discarding them.

DPS asked the public to re-

port all fires to DPS by calling 911. (DPS)

Hyatt Family Fun Night today

Hyatt Regency Saipan is inviting everyone to attend its Hyatt Family Fun Night today, May 7, from 5pm to 9pm.

All funds raised will be donated to the 2010 Marianas March Against Cancer. This year's March will be held on May 14-15, from 6pm to 6am, at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

In addition to donating the proceeds from Family Fun Night to the 2010 MMAC, Hyatt Regency will be contributing 20 percent of all sales generated at its booths over the next two weeks at the 2010 Taste of the Marianas (held every Saturday evening at American Memorial Park this May), and at the Gara-

pan Street Market (held every Thursday evening on Coral Tree Avenue). (PR)

2 Saipan, 1 Tinian beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the DPW Channel Bridge and Garapan Beach Drainage on Saipan and the Taga Beach on Tinian and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples

collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

CNMI Women's Organization meeting

The CNMI Women's Organization will be holding a luncheon meeting (dutch) on Thursday, May 13, at 1pm luncheon (dutch) at Poons. All current members and interested women of CNMI descent are urged to attend this important meeting. (PR)

Military training on FDM set

The U.S. military will be conducting military training on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla on May 10-13, 2010, from 7am to 8pm.

The general location for this

activity will be on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla training area on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrant.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, the Emergency Management Office is advising CNMI residents, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, to take precautionary measures around this area during the time and dates indicated.

For more information, contact the EMO Operations Section at telephone numbers 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0. or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. (EMO)

DPS sets child car seat checkpoint this Saturday

The Department of Public Safety will be conducting courtesy car seat inspections and occupant protection child restraint checkpoints on the island of Saipan this Saturday, May 8, 2010.

The first OP/CR checkpoint will be held on Beach Road Susupe in front of Minachom Atdao on the southbound outer lane, from 8am to 9:15am. The second setup will be on Chalan Pale Arnold 2w Gualo Rai in front of the Shell Station, on the northbound outer lane, from 1pm to 2:15pm.

Each checkpoint conducted will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes) at each location. Checkpoints are subject to be terminated if it begins to rain. In addition, police officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrol, and aggressive driver interdictions.

For more information, contact Sgt. Sylvan Rangamor at 664-9085/84 or DPS-PIO Ofcr. Eric David at 483-9032. (DPS)

Red Cross annual meeting set

The NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross is having its annual meeting next Thursday, May 13, 2010, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Chapter office on Airport Road. All volunteers, donors, and others interested in the Red Cross are welcome to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold elections of the voting members of its board of directors, review reports by Chapter directors, and transact other business as it may come before the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the Chapter office at 234-3459. (ARC)

Stanley on Chamorro radio talk show

Rep. Stanley Torres will be the featured guest on Marianas Agupa tomorrow, May 8, 2010, to discuss the 2nd Political Status Commission bill from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM.

The Chamorro Talk Show Program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona with a special guest

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Happy Mothers Day



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host, former mayor Joseph S. Inos. The talk show airs every Saturday from 9am to 11am. Additionally, the show features a special report from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola from Rota and a report from Tinian by correspondent and radio commentator with former Senator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. For more information, email: marianasagupa@gmail.com. (PR)

Koblerville calendar of activities

■ May 8, 2010, Saturday: Koblerville Community Coalition - Neighborhood Watch Group and Saipan Southern High School students will be doing roadside cleanup along the Koblerville Main Road.

■ May 15, 2010, Saturday: Koblerville Community Coalition - Neighborhood Watch Group, Saipan Mayor's Office, Saipan Southern High School students, DEQ Cleanup Brigade, CNMI Parolees, Rep. Diego Benavente, Rep. Joseph Guerrero, and Rep. Antonio Sablan, Sen. Ralph Torres and staff and volunteers will be cleaning up the old airport field behind Tottotville.

■ May 29, 2010, Saturday: Koblerville Community Coalition - Neighborhood Watch and Saipan Southern High School students and volunteers will be doing a cleanup at the Unai Dankulo (beachside below Coral Ocean Point).

We are asking drivers to be wary of the volunteers who will be out on these dates and to please drive slowly. We are also encouraging the Koblerville community to come out and assist with the beautification drive for Koblerville. Let's Clean up Koblerville and restore pride in the south side. (PR)

May Tourism Month activities

■ May 7: Islandwear Friday. Show your island pride and wear island attire or local traditional wear on Friday. Receive a chance to win free Taste of the Marianas tokens by becoming

a Facebook fan of "Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit Islandwear in the Northern Mariana Islands" and posting your favorite islandwear shots of yourself, your friends, co-workers, or family. Each week, one randomly selected fan with posted photos will win \$10 of Taste of the Marianas tokens. Tokens must be claimed by May 28, 2010.

■ May 8: Marianas Tourism Education Council and Hopwood Jr. High My WAVE

Club Beach Cleanup, 7:30am, Pakpak Beach to Chalan Kanoa Beach.

■ May 8: Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden, at the American Memorial Park, beginning at 6pm This week's competitions will include the Pacific Islands Club's Paper, Scissors, Rock tournament at 6:30pm and the Hotdog Eating Contest at 7:30pm.

For more information, con-

tact the Marianas Visitors Authority at 1.670.664.3200/1 or e-mail Frank Tudela of the MVA at ftudela@mymarianas.com. (MVA)

Puengin Inetnon today

Puengin Inetnon will be held today, May 7, at the Kagman Community Center parking lot. Puengin Inetnon is Kagman's Friday Night Market that takes place every government payday. It begins at 4:30pm

and ends at 10pm. This week's vendors feature Canton Restaurant, Lynn's Barbeque, Champs Shave Ice, U2 Collections, Kagman Neighborhood Watch, and The Library Bookmobile.

Puengin Inetnon is a family oriented event. Alcohol will be prohibited from the event. All are welcome. Come attend Puengin Inetnon for some family fun in Kagman. Interested vendors can call 256-7678 or email [\[tion@gmail.com\]\(mailto:tion@gmail.com\). \(PR\)](mailto:kagmankomunitatassocia-</p>
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SSHS mid-progress report cards

To all parents and legal guardians of Saipan Southern High School students: Mid-progress report term four is scheduled to be picked up on Thursday, May 13, from 3pm to 6pm. Teachers will be available in their classrooms for parents and legal guardian visit. All students will be released at 1pm. (PR)



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May 15 symposium will highlight Japanese administration of NMI

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Local youth compete in a sumo match in the 1930s.

The public is invited to attend a daylong symposium on the Japanese colonial administration of the islands this Saturday, May 15, at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater.

"The Japanese Colonial Past of the Northern Mariana Is-

lands" is co-sponsored by the NMI Council for the Humanities and the National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics of Tokyo, Japan.

It will feature presentations by local and visiting scholars and a panel discussion with local *man'amko* who will talk about their personal experiences living under Japanese rule.

Scholars will present lectures covering linguistics, history, musicology, and sociology.

Linguistic presentations include "Archiving the Japanese Language Oral History of the NMI by Dr. Daniel Long; "The Japanese Language in Taiwan and other former Japanese Colonies" by Dr. Shinji Sanada; and "Recording the Japanese Language on Sakhalin" by Dr. Yoshiyuki Asahi.

History presentations include "Sugar Cane, the War and the Camp in the memories of Japanese Repatriated from Saipan and Tinian" by Dr. Hideko Tsushima; "Reparation issues between the US and Post-War Japan over the Mariana Islands" by Dr. Toyomi Asano; and "Japanese-Chamorro relations during the Mandate Years" by Don Farrell.

Other presentations include "Marching Dances with spread throughout Micronesia" by Dr. Junko Konishi, and "Saipan Town in Angaur Island, Palau: Contact between Micronesian Mine Workers" by Shingo Iitaka.

The symposium will also feature a panel discussion with several Japanese-speaking local residents who grew up on Saipan during the Japanese period. This discussion will be moderated by Dr. Long and will include questions from the audience.

The symposium will run from 9am to 4pm. It is a part of the Humanities Council's ongoing efforts to study and promote the history of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Additional information about this upcoming event is available on the Council's Web site at www.nmihumanities.org. (PR)

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2010 BIBLE TRIVIA WINNERS

From left to right, Arvin Dayao, first place; Robert Hanrey Schorr, second place; Jim Michael Ham and Tae Yong Kim, third place. The Bible Trivia was held April 30, 2010 at GCA Auditorium.

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**HAWAIIAN LUAU**

The Saipan Community Church invites the community to a Hawaiian Luau on May 15, from 5:30pm to 7pm. Tickets for this event are on sale in the school office. A free ukulele concert celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the UKE JAM will follow the luau.

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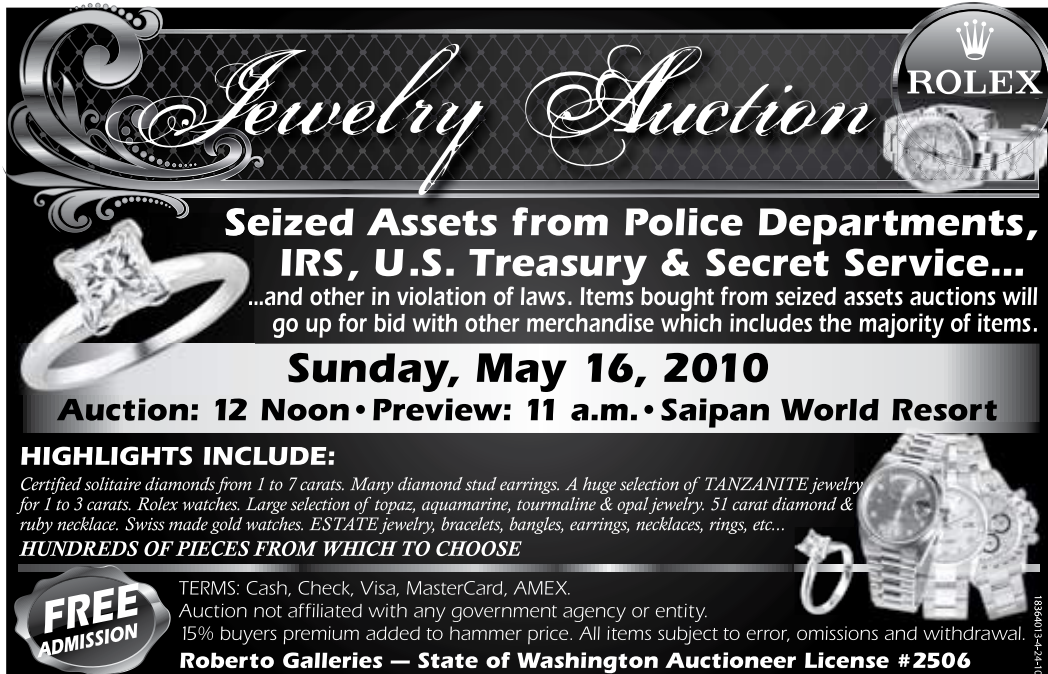
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A student from the Northern Marianas College Educational Talent Search and Saipan Southern High School has been selected to attend a Math & Science Summer Program level I, an introductory math and science skills program that focuses on marine science at Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey, California.

Scottie Aguon, who is an active member of the SSHS Drama Club and the Manta Ray Band, will be leaving in June to attend the six-week summer program. The program is offered in a residential setting on the beautiful campus of the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Participants of the summer program will be able to experi-

ence living in a college environment, immersed in a math and science study program along with students from other schools who have similar goals. They will also enroll in courses which include marine biology, mathematics, written and oral communications, and college orientation and personal development.

Aguon will have the privilege of participating in laboratory and field activities that will focus on note taking skills, quantification, observation, description, graphing, independent and group research, experimental techniques, and oral reporting. Workshops, speeches from guest speakers, counseling, and

enrichment activities will be included in the program.

During his leisure time, Aguon focuses in one of his all-time favorite hobbies—drawing animation sketches.

When asked how he feels about being selected to participate in the 2010 Monterey Peninsula College Math & Science Summer Program, Aguon replied, "I'm excited and eager."

"Education is more valuable than ever in the job market," said Aguon.

Aguon is a participant of the Educational Talent Search Program at the Northern Marianas College and has been an active member since 2007. (NMC)

Philippine consulate sets consular service on Rota

After completing the overseas absentee voting in Saipan, the Philippine Consulate General shall visit Rota to conduct services for Filipinos. The consular team, headed by Consul General Medardo G. Macaraig, shall be on Rota on May 22-23, at the Round House, at the plaza from 9am-5pm on both days. The consular service shall be held during the weekend when most Filipinos are free from work.

To facilitate the consular processes, Filipinos who wish to have their passports renewed are requested to send in advance (before May 20, 2010) to the consulate photocopies of their applications for passports (Philippine Consulate General, P.O. Box 500731 CK, MP 96950, CNMI, fax 234-1849 or e-mail saipanpcg@pticom.com). All original documents shall be retained by the applicants and the consular team shall verify these documents on Rota.

To receive their new passports, applicants are asked to use the registered, certified or insured mail services of the U.S. Postal Service. In this regard, passport applicants must submit, aside from the required documents, their original old passport and a self-addressed stamped registered mail. The old passport shall be cancelled and will be returned to the applicant together with the new passport and official receipt by mail.

Other inquiries may be addressed to the Philippine Consulate General at 234-1850 or at the address, e-mail or fax number above.

The consul general shall be joined on Rota by Labor representative Carmelina Velasquez, OWWA representative Raynaldo Tayag, Violaflor Enerlan-Ancheta and Antonio David. The consulate general shall also offer consular service for Filipinos on Tinian at a later date. (PR)

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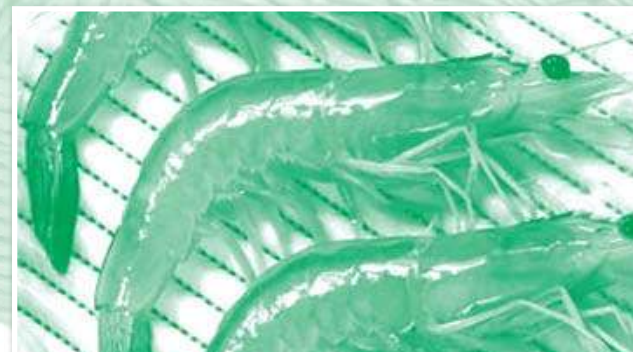
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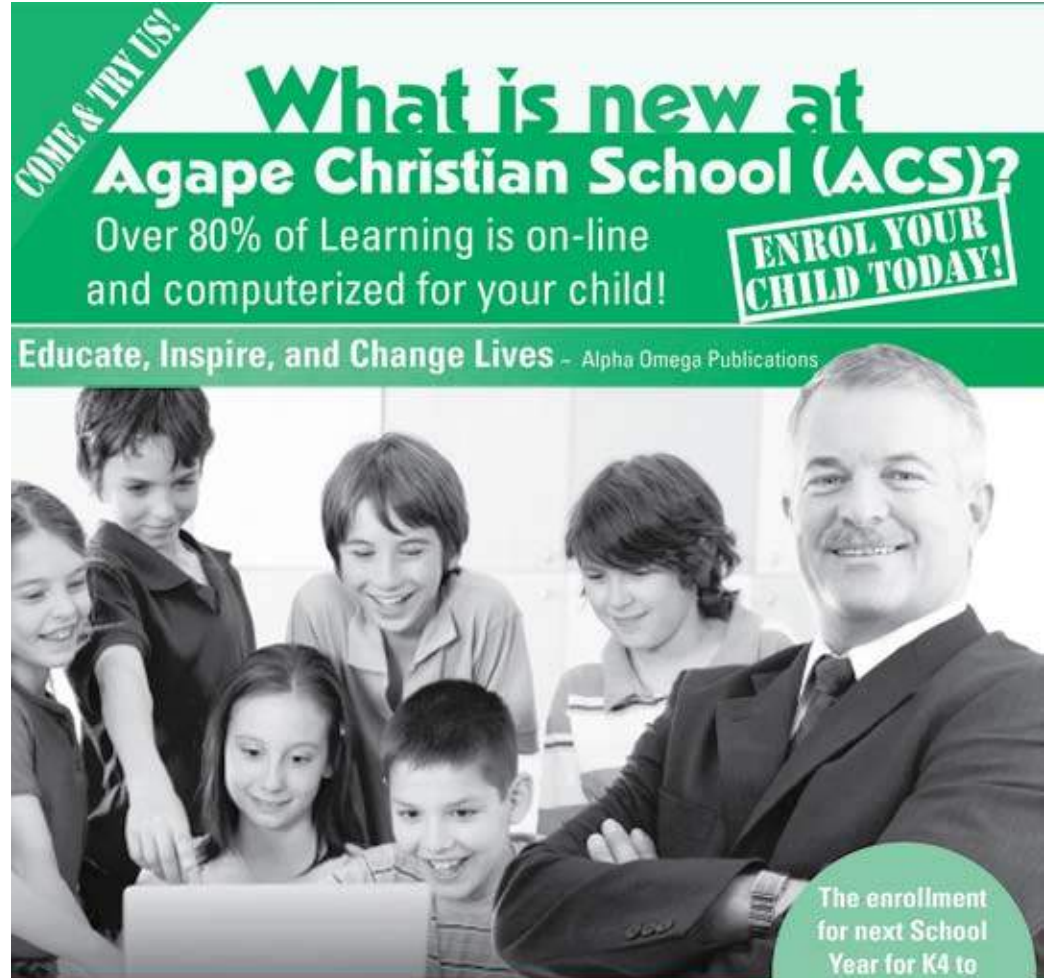
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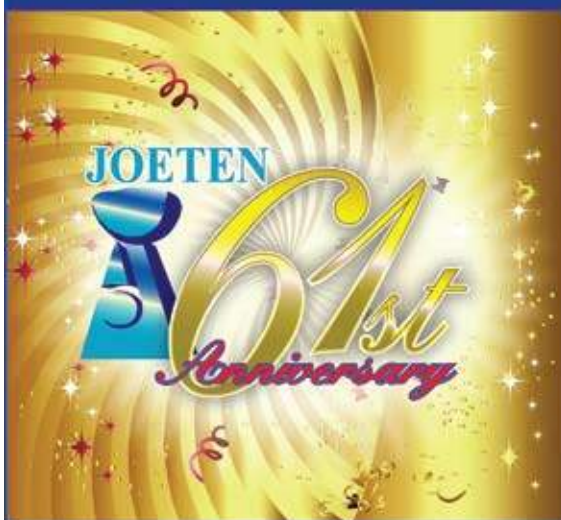
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My mom's story

By AKEIKO MARIE DELA CRUZ

Editor's Note: The author is a 16-year-old 10th grader at Kagman High School. Her mother is Violeta M. Dela Cruz.

Every individual has a book filled with stories, whether it is good or bad and happy or sad. My story begins with my mother. One, two, three, and there I was. Then a few years later came four and five. For as long as I have lived, Mama is what I called her. Having to deal with five kids is a huge responsibility. She brought us up our life and though she has put up with a lot of hardheaded ones, she loves us all equally.

She likes watching movies and using the computer. She can be an annoyance, so in some ways we are the same. Singing is her passion but that's just another special quality that lies within her. When we laugh and talk together a special moment is being shared with her. Throughout the passing years she has watched me grow; we will always have a friendship that will continue to grow well.

She's constantly working, there's no time for rest. That applies to her even when the weekend has come. I must say that she has done a superior job. It amazes me how strong a woman she is and can be. She not only taught but also showed us wrong from right. She even gave lectures when she taught us in the midst of our mistakes. She also kept us well fed and I thank her for that. There are times when she made me angry but the more I live by her rules, I realize the impact of attitude of life. She would always say she didn't want anything when it came to her. There is so much that I could give in return but no matter what, she gives back so much more, much more. There are times where I would stop and think about the wonders she has done or how she handled everything with caution and how wonderful it is to have a mother so great.

If the fact that we couldn't change the way people act in a certain way was fiction, I still wouldn't have changed a thing about this woman. Everything she taught me, I knew that it all made good sense. Amongst all she has suffered, she has managed to not only stay optimis-



Violeta M. Dela Cruz

tic but always stood strong and supportive of our family. Her sacrifice is both tremendous and extensive that there is no way to describe it. I'm glad she didn't give up. Not often do I tell her that I love her. I guess it's because I'm afraid of it getting old and losing the rare meaning of it. Perhaps this insightful information will allow you to see and understand why this lady is so important to me. Her name will be carried in my heart because she's my very own super mama. My admiration and respect for her is beyond what words can bring. All I can really say is that she has managed to use her title as a mother better than any one else I know.

By EMMAN PARIAN

Editor's Note: The author's mother is Edith Agustin.

I love my mom because she is a hard worker and she can accomplish anything, she strives and works hard every day to get our family what we need to live. She can accomplish anything without giving up, and she always tries her hardest in everything. I love my mom because she is always patient with me, sometimes when she ask something she gives me time before she asks about it again. My mom is smart and kind because she teaches me useful knowledge and also gives me advice when I am in need. My mom shows a great example to me as a benefit for me and to other people I talk to. She teaches me good manners and what to do in different situations. Lastly, I love my mom because I know she loves me too, even when sometimes I think that I have done many bad things, I know deep inside me that she loves me no mat-



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By CHEYENNE ELIZABETH PANER

Editor's Note: The author is a 4th Grade student at San Antonio Elementary School. Her mother's name is Elizabeth.

If I were to think of the reasons why I love my mom, I'd probably take forever. Every day, the reasons why I love her just seem to add up. My mother never fails to amaze Dad, myself, my two other sisters, and my two brothers. My family is not the typical family that has a working dad, a stay-at-home mom, and kids. Mine is rather different. Dad had to stop working to take care of my 3-year-old autistic brother and my 4-month-old baby brother. As you may not know, an autistic toddler and an infant is already a handful (I can only imagine what would



From right, Outstanding Mom nominee Elizabeth, author's sister Franczeska, author Cheyenne Paner, and brother Zach, and baby brother Kindo.

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A truly extraordinary mom

happen to Mom if she's the one doing this)! My Mom chose to be the breadwinner of our family. She works as a Language Arts teacher at Hopwood Junior High.

During school days, Mom wakes up at 6am to give my baby brother a warm bath (Of course, Dad wakes up earlier to make sure our breakfast and Mom's cup of coffee is ready). By 7:30am, Mom is already at work to teach 8th grade Writing until 3 in the afternoon. Then from 3 till 5pm, she teaches after-school kids how to prepare and cook healthy meals that they can do at home. It's really nice to see my Mom and her students having fun while cooking. If you really count it, Mom works almost 10 hours every day just to take home some money for the family. It's amazing how she does this with so much patience for her students. I mean, can you imagine 10 hours everyday with noisy, naughty students? After work, Mom comes home tired and hungry, usually with a headache, but still beaming with so much love and energy for us. She would still make time to cook us a special dinner and even bake us our favorite moist chocolate cake for dessert. Then we would all gather in the living room, squeeze ourselves on the couch, and watch a good movie.

During weekends, our family is hyper! We would drive all around the island looking for useful things at yard sales. Then Mom would take all of us shopping at the store when she has money to spare. Our weekends are quality ones. We get to spend time as a family doing simple things like washing our laundry. We like washing as a family because we get to eat ice cream, surf the net, or just chill while waiting for our laundry. Sundays are really special for us. Dad wakes us up early for church to catch the Chamorro Mass but if we're running late, we'd go to the English or Filipino Mass. Mom would make sure we dress our Sunday best. After Mass, we light a candle at my grandparents' graves, and proceed to Santa Lourdes. It has been a family habit to drop by Santa Lourdes every weekend to say thank you for God's graces. I especially thank the good Lord for giving us a wonderful Mom who loves us unconditionally, in so many ways. That is why, if I were to tell you the reasons why I love my Mom, here is my "short" list:

1. She encourages us to excel and be the best we can be.
2. She respects our individuality.
3. She teaches us to be humble at all times, even in the midst of crisis.
4. She is loving and affectionate not just to us, but to everyone.
5. She tells us to practice good manners at all times even though most kids nowadays don't even know what "manners" means!
6. She is soft-hearted yet firm in making decisions.
7. She is always careful not

to offend others or hurt other people's feelings.

8. She sings for us when we feel bored. You should hear her sing!

9. She dances the "funny dance" despite her two left feet, just to make us laugh.

10. She always buys things for us, but seldom for herself.

11. She cooks good food and the best steak in the whole world!

12. She still looks pretty even without the make-up.

13. She is a sweet and patient teacher to her students.

14. She is very prayerful and she teaches us to love God above all things.

15. She takes us to church and Santa Lourdes as often as she can.

16. She is a forgiving and faithful wife to our Dad.

17. She teaches us the grace to forgive.

18. She teaches us to accept our own faults and mend our ways.

19. She drives us to places we want to go even though she's very tired from work.

20. She always listens to our side of the story before making a judgment.

21. She teaches us to be kind and generous and to "give until it hurts".

22. She makes us feel special and loved when we feel so ugly during a "bad hair day."

23. She "dreams" her "dreams" with us.

24. She helps others even though she is in need of help herself.

25. She never judges other people no matter how awful they may be.

26. She doesn't want to talk about other people's business; and she teaches us to do the same.

27. She is a good provider to our family.

28. She teaches us the values of honesty, integrity, and humility.

29. She comforts us when we feel down and out.

30. We never hear her cuss or say bad words.

31. She always makes our birthdays special though she never celebrates hers.

32. She is very simple and kind.

33. She tells us it's okay to make a mistake, for as long as we try our best not to commit the same mistake again.

34. She leads us in prayer before each meal, be it at home or in the restaurant.

35. She is most selfless woman I know.

The list goes on and on. You see, my Mom may not be a perfect mom, but she truly is an extraordinary Mom. She not only makes a difference in our life as a family, she also makes a difference in the life of each student she teaches, each sobbing friend she comforts, each needy person she helps, and each child whose heart she touches.

That's my Mom. And that's the kind of Mom I would want to be when I grow up.

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Zenaida Mongado Cuervo

I love my Mom because...

By JONAVELLE M. CUERDO

Editor's Note: The author's mother is Zenaida Mongado Cuervo.

I love my mom, and I'm convinced that she's one of the most amazing and strongest women today. In fact, she is my Wonder Woman! Her strong will has me convinced that she can accomplish anything. You better believe me when I say you don't want to butt heads and argue with my mom, because she will just win. That's just how strong-minded my mom is. She has sacrificed so much for me and my sister,

and no matter how tough life seems to get, she does her best to make us happy and stay together as a family.

I was 5 years old when I arrived on Saipan, because I had been raised by my grandparents in the Philippines and came here to study. I still remember seeing my mom as I walked out the doors of the airport. She had black hair that reached up to her shoulders, wore a pair of glasses, and at that time, I thought she was tall. I also thought that she was one of the most beautiful women in the world. Now, she's getting white hair, and I'm pretty much the same

height as her, but I still think she's beautiful.

I remember imagining entering my new home and seeing my dad sitting on a couch waiting for us, but when I got there, I didn't see my dad. That's when I learned that my mom was a single mom taking care of my older sister by herself. It's such a hard situation for some people, not being able to be with both parents, but my mom doesn't show us that. That thought never even comes to my mind, because I believe in my mom. She is the rock that holds our family together when everything else feels like it's falling apart. She stands strong.

I'm not exactly the perfect daughter. I admit at times I feel like screaming "I hate you" in front of her face, but then again, I think all children feel rebellious with their parents at some point. We just don't understand the good in what they're actually trying to do for us. So after the fights we have, I look back and reflect. She's constantly pushing me to get good grades. Even if it's too much at times, I know it's because she loves me and wants to make sure I have a great future ahead. That's what they say: Our parents always tell us that they want us to have a better life than they did.

My mom doesn't want me to color my hair or wear mini-skirts, because she's the one person I know for sure who accepts me for the way I am. She doesn't want me to have a boyfriend or think about having one

yet, because she doesn't want me to get hurt. Even though we don't see much of each other during weekdays, it's because she's working hard to provide what my sister and I need. We don't have many relatives here on Saipan, and at times, I feel sorry for my mom, because she would probably be back in the Philippines with her family if it weren't for us. She's a really incredible person, and I'm lucky to be blessed to have a mom like her. We have to learn to put aside our selfish attitudes as children and appreciate what our parents do for us.

My mom does so many things just to see a smile on our face. I know a lot of people say stuff like, "My mom's the best mom in the whole, wide world." We all have different views and opinions, but I think that my mom, Zenaida Mongado Cuervo, is one of them.

By JIMAELA HAM

Editor's Note: The author's mother's name is Armela Ham.

I love my mom because she's simply the best. She is always there for me when I needed her. She never hesitates to go with me to every competitions and activities I have and support the best she can, even though she misses going to work. She is like a superwoman in the morning and a loving mother at night. She keeps our family together, because without her I wouldn't be who I am now. She is God's best gift to me and I want to show the whole world how lucky I am to have a mom like her.

We simply love to bond together and tell each other corny jokes. My mom is cool too, she knows how to sing, dance, and make those weird faces. If I were to choose another mom I wouldn't, it's because I am satisfied with my mom, and I can't ask for anything else.

She was there for me ever since I went to kindergarten until the time I was high school. My mom was there to encourage me at my worst times and give me good advices. Whenever I feel down, she tells me to look at the bright side and tells me that the only thing that can put you down is yourself.

I am not ashamed to tell and show the whole world how hard working my mom is. Sometimes I tell her to stop for a while and continue on later, but she simply refuses and continues on. When people say negative stuff about her I simply tell them they don't really know my mom. My mom is not strict because she simply knows what's best for me. We have a saying, "Mom knows best"; well it's simply the truth. My mom knows what's best for me because she has



Armela Ham

experienced everything that I'm just going through now. She made me realize my mistakes in life and tells me to turn them around and make them right. She taught me valuable lessons in life that I would remember till I get old. She is the only person that knows me more than anyone else, that's why I love her so much.

No other person in the world can you love you more except you parents, especially your mom. No one in the world can be compared to my mom. I and my mom have fights at times, but she made me realize how important moms are in the whole world that without a mom a family would be incomplete. Whenever I see people without a mom, I feel a spark of luckiness for having a mom who cares and loves me a lot. That's why I love her because she is who she is. She's my one and only mom that can never be replaced by another.

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My Mom

Editor's Note: In celebration of Mother's Day this Sunday, Kagman High School teacher Jay Sanchez sent in the following excerpts from a writing assignment he had

given his students. "I thought it would be nice to share their words with you all," he said. "Enjoy!"

■ "...mothers are an irreplaceable

jewel."—Allyssa Arangorin

■ "Mom when you smile, you bright up every moment of my life."—Daisy Babauta

■ "I love my mom so much because she is very caring and loving."—John Camacho

■ "She's fun, she's funny, she's totally laughable, she cares, she annoys, she's loud, she's there, and she's weird."—Ronnie Camacho

■ "My admiration and respect for her is beyond what words can bring."—Akeiko Dela Cruz

■ "Mother taught me how to cook—add more love, less sugar."—Nikita Hofschneider

■ "I really respect her for her perseverance."—Justin Kumagai

■ "If ever we would fall she would pick us up, dust us off and watch us reach the clouds even if she was left alone on the ground."—Jemma Lara

■ "She likes to wrestle me for the remote ... she always wins!"—Elloise Lotoc

■ "Who do you love more?" She would then reply, "I love you both equally."—Mikhael Masongsong

■ "Words can't describe how much I appreciate EVERYTHING you've done and given me—advice, laughs, money,

memories, dreams to be, but most of all ... LOVE."—Patsylynn Mendiola

■ "I would love to thank you for everything you've done. The love you shared, the care you showed."—Anjannete Narvaez

■ "You were always the one who cared."—John Norita

■ "Every miracle begins with my mom."—Emily Palacios

■ "She pushes me to be the best, the best that I can be."—John Pineda

■ "I'm proud to say that she's my mother. I embrace the title—I'm her daughter."—Vico-rylie Quijano

■ "My mom's not good—SHE'S GREAT!"—Erbert Santiago Jr.

■ "Without my mom, I wouldn't have gotten this far."—Christopher Santos

■ "She's always been my support system. I love you mom!"—Kassandra Snodgrass

■ "I love my mom with all my heart and I hope she knows that."—Savali Talalemotu

BY THE NUMBERS

Mother's Day

The driving force behind Mother's Day was Anna Jarvis, who organized observances in Grafton, W.Va., and Philadelphia on May 10, 1908. As the annual celebration became popular around the country, Jarvis asked members of Congress to set aside a day to honor mothers. She finally succeeded in 1914, when Congress designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

How Many Mothers

■ 82.8 million: Estimated number of mothers in the United States in 2004.

■ 55 percent: Percentage of 15- to 44-year-olds who were mothers in 2006.

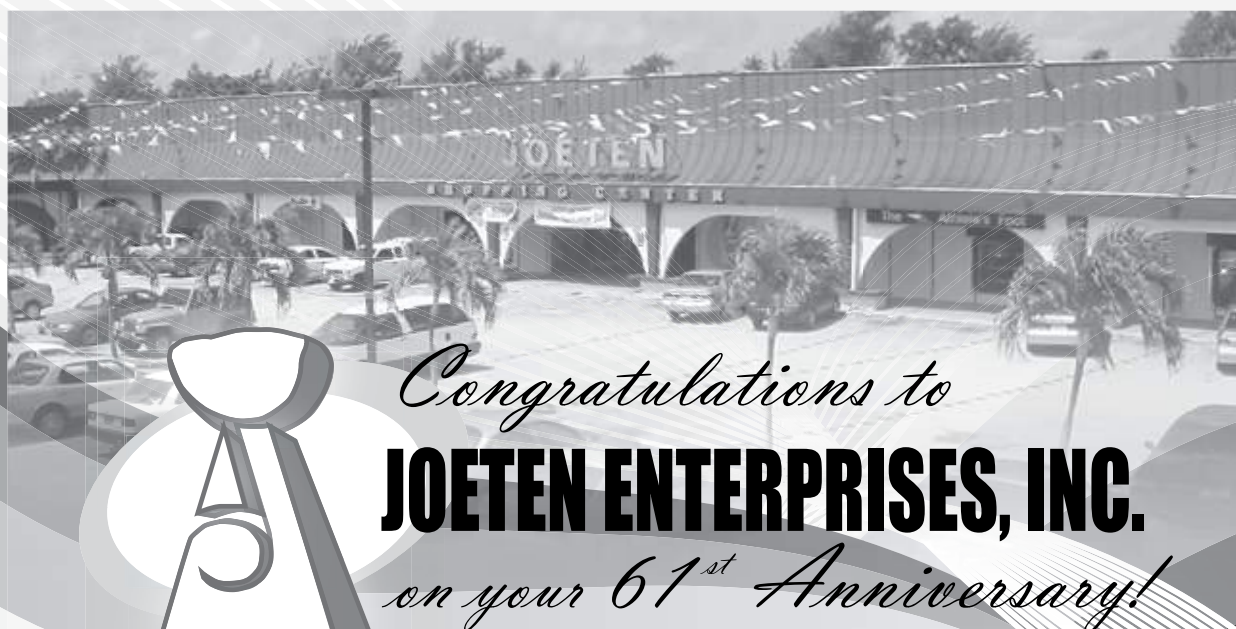
■ 80 percent: Percentage of women 40 to 44 who had given birth as of 2006. In 1976, 90 percent of women in that age group had given birth.

How Many Children

■ 2.1: The total fertility rate or number of births per woman in the U.S. in 2007 (based on current birth rates by age). This marks the second consecutive year in which the rate has been above replacement level.

■ 2.6: The TFR or number of births in 2006 per woman in Utah (based on current birth rates by age), which led the nation. At the other end of the spectrum is Vermont, with a TFR of 1.7 births per women.

■ 94 percent: Among the 37.8 million mothers living with children younger than 18 in 2004, the percentage who lived with their biological children only. In addition, 3 percent lived with any stepchildren, 2 percent with any adopted children and less than 1 percent with any foster children.



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Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Geithner, Paulson to address meltdown probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—A special panel investigating the financial crisis is preparing to hear from two key architects of the government's response: Former Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner. Geithner and Paulson will provide their perspectives on the so-called "shadow banking system"—a largely unregulated world of capital and credit markets outside of traditional banks. They will describe their roles in selling Bear Stearns to JPMorgan Chase & Co. after pressure from "shadow banking" companies made Bear the first major casualty of the crisis. The pair will testify Thursday morning before the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, a bipartisan panel established by Congress to probe the roots of the financial crisis. It is the first time the panel has heard from either of the men who called the shots in late 2008 as the global financial system nearly collapsed. The panel is looking at nonbank financial companies such as PIMCO and GE Capital that provide capital for loans to consumers and small businesses.

Gulf rig owner sees financial hit, more lawsuits

NEW YORK (AP)—The owner of the oil rig that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico said it will lose more than a half billion dollars in revenue, and its finances will be hampered by hefty fees from a growing pile of lawsuits. Transocean Ltd. also revealed Wednesday in a 73-page

regulatory filing that the Justice Department has requested that it preserve information about the explosion that occurred April 20. A Justice Department spokesman couldn't be reached for comment. The world's largest offshore drilling contractor added that it's bracing for negative publicity and new regulations because of the incident. Eleven people died following the explosion—9 of them Transocean employees—on the Deepwater Horizon. Transocean is currently unable to estimate the full impact of the disaster, but the company expects it to have a "material effect" on its future financial results.

Oil hovers near \$80 as traders eye shakey euro

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered near \$80 a barrel Thursday in Asia as traders mull a surging dollar and rising U.S. crude inventories. Benchmark crude for June delivery was up 17 cents to \$80.14 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The June contract lost \$2.77 to settle at \$79.97 on Wednesday. Crude has dropped 8 percent from an 18-month high of \$87.15 a barrel earlier this week as an escalating debt crisis in Europe undermined confidence in the euro. Commodities priced in dollars, such as oil, become more expensive for investors holding euros as the U.S. currency strengthens. The euro rebounded slightly from a 14-month low, rising to \$1.2836 on Thursday from \$1.2823 the previous day while the dollar was little changed at 93.92 yen.

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Obama wants work on immigration reform this year

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama said Wednesday he wants to begin work this year on legislation overhauling the nation's immigration system, firming up his commitment on a key priority for Latino voters and lawmakers.

Obama's comments at a Cinco de Mayo celebration at the White House reaffirmed his long-held support for immigration reform. He went a step further than he has in the past by calling for the work to begin this year.

Latino groups have been calling for Obama to deliver

on his campaign promise of making immigration reform a top priority, with some activists and lawmakers in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus complaining he wasn't doing enough.

Obama clouded the issue last week by saying "there may not be an appetite" in Congress to deal with another hot-button issue immediately after grueling fights over health care and financial regulation.

There also may not be enough time left on the legislative cal-

endar to take up a contentious issue with midterm elections looming in November, but by making the commitment Obama may at least be able to tell Hispanic groups he tried.

Obama acknowledged immigration reform would be difficult to achieve and would require bipartisan support—something that's lacking in the Senate right now. And he made no commitment to finishing the process this year.

But he said it was the only way to deal with the nation's

immigration problems.

"The way to fix our broken immigration system is through common-sense comprehensive immigration reform," the president said.

"I want to begin work this year and I want Democrats and Republicans to work with me."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., who's up for re-election in a state with a growing Latino population, also recently said he wants to tackle immigration overhaul this year, although pending energy legislation—another divisive issue—would likely come first.



Obama

NY car bombing suspect is believed to act alone in US

NEW YORK (AP)—The Pakistani-American accused of the failed Times Square car bombing is believed to have been working alone when he began preparing the attack almost immediately after returning from his native land, authorities said Wednesday.

They said they have yet to find a wider link to extremist groups.

Two new surveillance videos emerged of the bomb suspect, Faisal Shahzad. Police told The Associated Press that one video shows him in a white baseball cap and a dark jacket walking away from the smoking, bomb-laden Nissan Pathfinder parked in the bustling heart of New York City.

The second video shows him buying a weak batch of fireworks in a store in Pennsylvania, according to the shop's owner.

One law enforcement official told the AP that authorities don't believe there are any other suspects in the plot and that several arrests in Pakistan in the past two days were not related.

Shahzad faces terrorism and weapons charges after authorities said he admitted rigging the Pathfinder with a crude bomb of firecrackers, propane and alarm clocks based on explosives training he received in Pakistan. Authorities said he was cooperating with investigators and did not appear in Manhattan federal court for a second day.

Authorities indicated that Shahzad, the 30-year-old son of a retired air force official in Pakistan, had launched the bomb plot alone almost immediately after returning to his Connecticut home in February from the visit to his native land.

ACROSS THE NATION

Lacrosse killing suspect seemed to have it all

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP)—Four years ago, George Huguey's prep school lacrosse coaches looked at him and found an easygoing prankster with a lighthearted attitude and the skills to earn him a spot on one of the country's top college programs. On Wednesday, police said they had looked in the University of Virginia senior's apartment and found a crimson-stained Cavaliers lacrosse jersey and a letter to the woman Huguey is accused of beating to death, a senior on UVA's women's team. The arrest of Huguey and the death this week of Yeardey Love, both 22, have struck the highly ranked teams as they prepare for the NCAA tournament and shaken some on the picturesque campus where students are studying for finals.

Powerful House chairman David Obey to retire

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. David Obey, a leading liberal Democrat and chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, said Wednesday that he will retire at the end of his term this year, dealing Democrats defending their majority another blow in an election season of voter discontent. "There is a time to stay and a time to go," the Wisconsin lawmaker told reporters. "And this is my time to go." Obey won the first of 21 terms in 1969—when a special election was held after President Richard Nixon tapped Melvin Laird to be his defense secretary. He faced a potentially bruising re-election campaign this fall, and his retirement is likely to make

it easier for Republicans to pick up his seat.

Klan leader pleads guilty to killing Okla. woman

COVINGTON, La. (AP)—The leader of a Ku Klux Klan group in Louisiana pleaded guilty Wednesday to killing an Oklahoma woman—an erratic recruit who a witness said yelled "I want out" the day after her initiation. Raymond Foster, 49, of Bogalusa, was immediately sentenced to life in prison for second-degree murder by state District Judge Peter Garcia. Cynthia Lynch, 43, a Klan recruit from Tulsa, Okla., was shot and killed in November 2008, the day after initiation rites in rural St. Tammany Parish, about 50 miles north of New Orleans.

Officials: 1 dead, 1 hurt in Army base explosion

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP)—One of two contract workers injured in an explosion Wednesday while removing a propellant from rockets at Redstone Arsenal has died. Deputy Public Affairs Officer Kimberly Henry said the two injured were taken to the burn unit at UAB Hospital in Birmingham. UAB Hospital spokesman Bob Shepard says one man died of his injuries Wednesday night. He says the other worker is in critical condition. Henry said a third person escaped injury from the blast, which occurred at 8:45 a.m. CDT and left part of the building in wreckage. She said all other personnel were accounted for. The two taken to the hospital, whose names were not released, worked for a base contractor, Amtech Corp.

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Asia

RP scrambles to fix glitch before vote

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine election officials scrambled Thursday to fix a computer glitch that sparked fears of a chaotic failure of the country's first automated presidential polls and calls to postpone next week's vote.

The Commission on Elections discovered a problem with the memory cards of the optical counting machines during final tests early this week, prompting it to recall the cards in about 76,000 machines already deployed in as many precincts across the archipelago.

With just days before 50 million Filipino voters elect a new president, vice president and officials to fill nearly 18,000 na-

tional and local posts, the last-minute glitch fed suspicions of possible vote-rigging amid scattered political violence that has claimed dozens of lives.

Elections officials and Venezuela-based Smartmatic, the private consortium that won a 7.2 billion peso (\$160 million) contract to supply the counting machines, said they were dealing with the logistical nightmare amid a massive effort to correct the defects in the memory cards and attach them back to the machines.

They assured Filipinos that Monday's elections will proceed as scheduled, dispelling rumors, which spread through cell phone text messages, that

the polls will be postponed for at least two weeks.

Authorities began to test the repaired machines in three cities in metropolitan Manila on Thursday to determine if they work. Tests in one voting center in Makati city showed the machines were "100 percent" accurate, said Cesar Flores, Smartmatic's Asia-Pacific regional head.

"It appears that our prayers are being answered," Commission on Elections Chairman Jose Melo told a news conference.

Flores said he was ready to face a possible government investigation but said his company's main focus was to ensure successful polls.



Workers check the print out from the Precinct Count Optical Scan machine as they work round-the-clock to correct defects of the counting machine for the Philippines's first automated presidential elections at their plant in Cabuyao township, Laguna province south of Manila, Philippines, Wednesday May 5, 2010. AP

Thai PM may dissolve Parliament

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's prime minister said Thursday he would dissolve Parliament in September—meeting a key demand of anti-government protesters—but only if they end their crippling occupation of Bangkok's commercial district.

Following the unveiling of a roadmap to reconciliation Monday, protest leaders demanded Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva specify a date for Parliament's dissolution before they pulled out of their barricaded encampment in the heart of the Thai capital.

The political haggling has prolonged Thailand's nearly two-month-long crisis which has paralyzed vital areas of Bangkok, hammered the economy and ground government machinery to a near-halt. Clashes with soldiers and other violence have killed 27 people and injured nearly 1,000.

"If they don't go home, I'm not going to dissolve Parliament," Abhisit said in a live

interview on ASTV. Other Thai media quoted Abhisit as saying the dissolution could take place Sept. 15 to 30.

"I repeat, I am not negotiating with anybody," Abhisit said in the interview, adding that he was inviting everyone into a reconciliation process, "including the protesters."

He noted that the protest leaders had earlier welcomed his reconciliation plan which includes an offer of new elections on Nov. 14—about a year before Abhisit's term would end—if the Red Shirts stop their protests.

The timing of the dissolution has been a crucial issue, and the Red Shirts rejected Abhisit's earlier offer to dissolve Parliament by the end of the year. Abhisit has said he wants enough time in office to pass a national budget for next year.

But both sides want to be in control when a key reshuffle of top military posts occurs in September.

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\$20 third place

ASIAN BRIEFS

25 dead after tornado, storm in southwestern China

BEIJING (AP)—A tornado and strong winds in southwestern China killed 25 people and injured more than 150 early Thursday, state media reported. Several homes collapsed in the city of Chongqing, but the number was still being tallied, said the disaster relief director at the Chongqing civil affairs bureau. The director, who gave only his surname Ma, disputed a China News online report that 1,000 homes had collapsed. "It's definitely not that many," he said. China Central Television said in its noon broadcast that the death toll had risen to 25. The official Xinhua News Agency said more than 150 were injured.

Police detain 2 in separate threats on children

SHANGHAI (AP)—Police said Thursday they have detained two men suspected of threatening children following a wave of attacks at schools in China that prompted orders for police and security guards to watch over students as they enter and leave schools. Liu Yongche, 39, was detained on May 2, a week after a local elementary school in Wuxi, west of Shanghai, received an anonymous letter demanding 100,000 yuan (about \$14,700). It threatened to harm students and teachers if the money was not paid, said the deputy director of the Wuxi Public Security Bureau, who gave only his surname, Chen. Chen said that Liu, a migrant worker from neighboring Anhui province, is under criminal detention. A government notice published in state media said Liu was short of cash due to gambling debts.

World

Greek bank workers strike over deaths

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greek bank workers walked off the job in a 24-hour strike Thursday to protest the deaths of three colleagues trapped in a bank torched by protesters during massive demonstrations against the government's new harsh austerity measures.

Wednesday's deaths—the first such fatalities in protests in nearly 20 years in Greece—have shocked the public in a country where violence during demonstrations is frequent but rarely results in casualties.

"I have difficulty in finding the words to express my distress and outrage," President Karolos Papoulias said late Wednesday. "Our country came to the brink of the abyss. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that we don't step over the edge."

The deaths came as an estimated 100,000 people marched through Athens during a nationwide strike against additional austerity measures imposed to unlock a euro110 billion (\$142 billion) rescue

loan package for debt-ridden Greece from the International Monetary Fund and the other 15 countries that use the euro.

Deputies were debating the measures Thursday and were to vote on passing the draft bill on Thursday night. Prime Minister George Papandreou's Socialists hold a comfortable majority of 160 deputies in the 300-seat Parliament, and the bill is expected to pass easily.

Greece urgently needs the first installment of loans from the

rescue package if it is to avoid defaulting on May 19, when it has euro8.5 billion in bonds maturing. The measures slash salaries and pensions and hike taxes, outraging many Greeks.

Wednesday's demonstration—the first since the new measures were announced Sunday—quickly turned violent, with hundreds of protesters breaking away from the march and trying to storm Parliament, shouting "thieves, traitors."

Demonstrators ripped up

paving stones, hurling them and Molotov cocktails at buildings and police, who responded with repeated barrages of tear gas that lingered in the city's central Syntagma Square late into the night. They smashed shops, hotels and car rental stores along their march, burning at least two buildings—the bank and a branch of the Finance Ministry—as well as several vehicles.

Police said Thursday that 41 police were injured in the riots, as were 15 civilians. A total of 70 people were detained, of which 25 had been arrested by late Wednesday night.

A senior fire department official said lives could have been saved but that demonstrators prevented firefighters from reaching the burning bank.

"Several crucial minutes were lost," the official said. "If we had intervened earlier, the loss of life could have been prevented."

The bank workers' union, OTOE, called a strike for Thursday to protest the deaths of their colleagues—two women and a man, aged between 32 and 36—condemning the violence but saying that the deaths were the result of the government's move to impose austerity measures.

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THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH!



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-022

"CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED WALKWAY AT OLEAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED WALKWAY AT OLEAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on April 30, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$25.10.

There will be a mandatory pre-site meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the Oleai Elementary School. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-site meeting. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 664-3715 or emailed to Mr. Rommel Mostales at rommel.mostales@cnmipss.com no later than May 20, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-022, and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, May 24, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 3rd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PSS RFP 10-025

"36 MONTH LEASE OF COMPUTER PRINTER/SCANNER/FAX COPIERS"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed proposals for a 36 month lease of up to 49 computer printers for the PSS schools and Central Office components. The firm(s) selected are to supply, deliver, install, maintain, and provide operational supplies for up to 16 computer printer at the PSS Central Office, Headstart Locations, PSS Warehouse, and up to 33 computer printers at PSS schools on Saipan, Rota and Tinian. The Proposal Package is available at the PSS Procurement Office or via e-mail request to robert.florian@cnmipss.org.

Interested firms are requested to attend a pre-proposal conference, in which questions regarding the capabilities and intended uses of the computer printers will be answered. The pre-proposal conference will held at the PSS Central Office Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan at 9:30 AM Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

Proposals must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "RFP# 10-025" and submitted in an original with five copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

The Public School System reserves the right to make single or multiple awards or to reject any or all proposals if to do so is in the best interest of the Public School System. Inquiries regarding this RFP may be directed to robert.florian@cnmipss.org.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-036

"PAINTING OF DANDAN ELEMENTARY, SAN VICENTE ELEMENTARY, KAGMAN ELEMENTARY, CHACHA JR. HIGH AND KAGMAN HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Painting of Dandan Elementary, San Vicente Elementary, Kagman Elementary, Chacha Jr. High and Kagman High School**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on April 30, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$34.55.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 19, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than May 21, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-036, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m., local time, May 26, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-037

"PAINTING OF WSR, HOPWOOD JR. HIGH, SAN ANTONIO ELEMENTARY, KOBLEVILLE ELEMENTARY AND SAIPAN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Painting of WSR, Hopwood Jr. High, San Antonio Elementary, Koblerville Elementary and Saipan Southern High School**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on April 30, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$34.55.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 19, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than May 21, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-037, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, May 26, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Nigeria President Yar'Adua dies after long illness

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—Nigerian President Umaru Yar'Adua, long plagued by poor health, has died at age 58, almost three months after his vice president assumed control of Africa's most populous nation, Yar'Adua's spokesman said.

Yar'Adua died at 9 p.m. (2000 GMT) Wednesday at the Aso Rock presidential villa with his wife Turai at his side, presidential spokesman Olusegun Adeniyi told The Associated Press, his voice cracking with emotion. Adeniyi did not give a cause of death.

A Muslim, Yar'Adua will be buried before sundown Thursday afternoon in his home state of Katsina, said Ima Niboro, a spokesman for Acting President Goodluck Jonathan. Niboro said Thursday also would be a

national holiday and the country would observe seven days of mourning for Yar'Adua.

In a statement, Jonathan said all the nation could do is "take solace in the fact that the Almighty is the giver and taker of all life."

"Nigeria has lost the jewel on its crown, and even the heavens mourn with our nation tonight," Jonathan said.

Nigeria's national security adviser and other ministers flooded into the presidential villa late Wednesday night to meet with Jonathan, who offered condolences to Yar'Adua's wife before beginning work as the country's head of state, Niboro said.

"The acting president is very sad with what has happened," Niboro told reporters. "The nation is mourning."

NTA, the state broadcaster,



In this March 30, 2007 file photo, Nigerian President Umaru Yar'Adua is seen in Abuja, Nigeria. Yar'Adua died Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at age 58.

broke into its broadcast just before 11:30 p.m. local time to announce Yar'Adua's death. Private television stations ran scrolling announcements about the death while the country remained calm and quiet. Yar'Adua took office in 2007

in a country notorious for corruption and gained accolades for being the first leader to publicly declare his personal assets when taking office—setting up a benchmark for comparison later to see if he misappropriated funds. But enthusiasm for his presidency waned as time passed and he made no headway in fighting entrenched corruption.

He had tried to peacefully end an insurgency in Nigeria's oil-producing Niger Delta that had attacked the petroleum infrastructure, allowing Angola to overtake Nigeria as Africa's no. 1 oil exporter. Those efforts frayed after Yar'Adua became gravely ill.

Yar'Adua went to a Saudi Arabian hospital on Nov. 24 to receive treatment for what officials described as a severe case of pericarditis, an inflammation of the sac surrounding the heart that can cause a fatal complication. He failed to formally transfer his powers to Vice President Goodluck Jonathan, sparking a constitutional crisis in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation with 150 million people.

Jonathan assumed the presidency Feb. 9 after a vote by the National Assembly while Yar'Adua was still in Saudi Arabia. Lawmakers left open the possibility for Yar'Adua to regain power if he returned to the country in good health. He returned on Feb. 24 but never reappeared in public and did not assume power again.

Charles Dokubo, an analyst at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, said Yar'Adua would leave a mixed legacy. Dokubo said many would remember how Yar'Adua never fulfilled his promises of increasing energy supplies and fixing the nation's shaky electoral system.

WORLD BRIEFS

Russian special forces storm oil tanker, free ship

ABOARD THE HS_WMS CARLSKRONA (AP)—Russian special forces rappelled onto a disabled oil tanker taken over by Somali pirates, freeing 23 Russian sailors and arresting the pirates during a dawn raid Thursday, the commander of the EU Naval Force said. The raid against the Liberian-flagged ship *Moscow University* came 24 hours after pirates had taken the ship over and the crew locked itself in a safe room. The vessel is carrying 86,000 tons of crude oil worth about \$50 million. The special forces had been aboard the Russian anti-submarine destroyer *Marshal Shaposhnikov*, which rushed to the scene after Wednesday's attack.

UK election: Best bet is that history will be made

LONDON (AP)—There's only one good bet in Britain's razor-edge election: It's likely to reshape the country's politics in historic ways. Should Gordon Brown cling to power, his Labour Party will have pulled off one of the most unlikely political comebacks in modern times. Victory for the Conservatives' David Cameron would return his once-discredited party to office after 13 years. More likely—in an election with important consequences for everything from the war in Afghanistan to the global economy—there will be no clear winner, and a good showing for Liberal Democrat upstart Nick Clegg. Only months ago, most thought the election would be the Conservatives' for the taking—but that was before the perfect political storm emerged.

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Attorney for Bank of Guam

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

BANK OF GUAM,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KARL T. REYES, et.al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 08-0260-CY

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 21, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following parcels of property. *Please note: the "Brief Descriptions" below are solely for ease of reference, and the Bank of Guam makes no warranty, representation, or guarantee as to condition or improvements included with the parcels of property.*

1. Lot No. H-175-1, and more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2108/85, the original of which was recorded on July 25, 1985 as Document No. 85-1399 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
Located on the lot is a three storey, 22,764 square foot building, known as King's Plaza. King's Plaza, located in Dan Dan village across from the Joeten Dan Dan Building, has approximately 15, 274 square feet of commercial space of the first two storeys, with the third storey, consisting of 7,390 square feet, currently being used as residential space.

2. Lot No. H-175-NEW-1, more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2097/96, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1996 as Document No. 96-1905 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
This property is located directly behind King's Plaza, and is currently paved and serves as over-flow parking for the plaza. The area is zoned for residential use.

3. Lot No. H-175-NEW-2, more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2097/96, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1996 as Document No. 96-1905 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
This property is located directly behind King's Plaza, and currently serves as over-flow parking for the plaza. The area is zoned for residential use.

4. Lot No. 019 J 13, consisting of 9,100 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 019 J 03, the original of which was recorded on July 30, 1993 as Document No. 93-2723 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
This property is located in Dan Dan village, just East of the Saipan International Airport, on the way to Naftan Point. Property is currently undeveloped and zoned for rural use.

5. Lot No. H-175-NEW-3, more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2097/96, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1996 as Document No. 96-1905 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
This property is located in Dan Dan Village and is subject to a pre-paid lease, which will expire on December 18, 2044. Property is partially developed, but with no permanent structures.

6. Tract No. 22717, consisting of 49,998 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2001/76, the original of which was recorded on May 18, 1983 as Document No. 17256 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
This property is located in Talafofo village and is subject to a pre-paid lease which will expire on November 19, 2057. Property is undeveloped and is zoned for rural use.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on June 14, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) To reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, PO Box 5003758 CK, Saipan, MP 9695, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.

3. Deposit: Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 29th day of April, 2010.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DOC-074**

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 02, 2010

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF NEW USED OIL SEPARATOR AND NEW OILY WATER SEPARATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, CNMI ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - DIVISION OF ENERGY AND THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION"

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT: AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE, BECAUSE ITS USE IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.

/S/ MICHAEL J. ADA
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

/S/ THELMA B. INOS
DIRECTOR, DPW DIV. OF ENERGY

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
SECRETARY OF DPW

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COMMONWEALTH BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners Board of Directors, is hereby giving notice that the Board will be meeting on Monday and Tuesday, May 10-11, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Secretary's Conference Room, Commonwealth Health Center, Saipan, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters –

1. Roll Call

II. Call to Order

III. Adoption of Minutes –

1. February 10-12, 2010

IV. Adoption of Agenda

V. Unfinished Business –

1. University of Loyola at CNMI

VI. Miscellaneous

VII. Adjournment

/s/ Bertha P. Camacho, NP
Chairperson

**NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
BAR EXAMINATION**

The Northern Mariana Islands Bar Examinations (MBE, MPT, and Essay) will be administered on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 and Thursday, July 29, 2010. Interested applicants may obtain the application form and necessary information from the Bar Administrator by calling telephone no. (670) 236-9800, visiting the judiciary's website at <http://www.justice.gov.mp>, or by writing to P.O. Box 502165, Saipan, MP 96950.

All applications and required fees must be submitted to the Bar Administrator no later than May 28, 2010.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2010.

NORA V. BORJA
Bar Administrator



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-038

"PAINTING OF GTC ELEMENTARY, TANAPAG ELEMENTARY, GARAPAN ELEMENTARY, OLEAI ELEMENTARY AND MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Painting of GTC Elementary, Tanapag Elementary, Garapan Elementary, Oleai Elementary and Marianas High School**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on April 30, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$34.25.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 19, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than May 21, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-038, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 11:00 a.m., local time, May 26, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-039

"THREE (3) - 12 PASSENGER VAN AND ONE (1) CARGO VAN FOR JROTC PROGRAM"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the purchase of **THREE PASSENGER VAN AND ONE CARGO VAN FOR JROTC PROGRAM**. The Scope of Work is available beginning April 30, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Fax requests may be sent to 664.3791.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer via fax at (670) 664-3791 or e-mailed to the following address: robert.florian@cnmipss.org.

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 10-039" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 19, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.**, at which time bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-044

"GENERAL REPAIR WORKS AT GTC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **General Repair Works at GTC Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 7, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$40.35.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 26, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., local time, at the GTC Elementary School Cafeteria in San Roque, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 1, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-044, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m., local time, June 7, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
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State Board of Education
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P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-045

"GENERAL REPAIR WORKS AT DANDAN SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **General Repair Works at Dandan Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 7, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$35.50.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 27, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., local time, at the Dandan Elementary School Library in Dandan, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 1, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-045, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, June 7, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Off The Wall

Mass. woman with no arms preparing for black belt



PEABODY, Mass. (AP)—A Massachusetts woman who was born without arms or kneecaps is preparing to test for her black belt in taekwondo. Sheila Radziewicz was scheduled to take her test next month at Bruce McCorry's Martial Arts in Peabody. The 32-year-old brown belt, who was born with thrombocytopenia-absent radius, or TAR syndrome, told The Salem News

Sheila Radziewicz of Salem, Mass., uses her nunchucks during taekwondo class at Bruce McCorry's Martial Arts Studio in Peabody, Mass., on April 28, 2010.

AP

she's been training in martial arts for three years. McCorry, her teacher, said he's never seen a student like Radziewicz. Despite her condition,

she can use nunchucks and break boards with her kicks.

The Salem resident, who works as an advocate for victims of domestic violence, said

she has never let her disability stop her. At 23, Radziewicz earned her driver's license. She uses a car that she controls with her feet.

Growling sea lion pup pulled from under police car

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A sea lion pup has been captured after hiding under a San Diego police car for four hours in the middle of a road. Police Sgt. Jack Knish says officers got a call about 4 a.m. Wednesday that the pup was crossing a street in the Ocean Beach area.

Knish says an officer parked his car in the middle of the road and went to investigate. That's when the sea lion came out from under another car and scuttled under the patrol car.

SeaWorld experts retrieved the growling pup at about 8 a.m.

Rescuer Kevin Robinson grabbed it by the tail and put it in a net. Robinson says the pup, who's less than a year



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This Wednesday, May 5, 2010 photo released by Jim Grant shows Kevin Robinson, senior animal care specialist at Sea World, pulling a baby sea lion out from under a San Diego Police patrol car in Ocean Beach, Wednesday May 5, 2010.

old, was dehydrated but uninjured. He says the pup weighs about 25 pounds—less than

half what it should weigh.

Robinson says it will be released within two months.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Up in smoke: Man wins at casino, loses it in blaze

SOLVAY, N.Y. (AP)—A Syracuse-area man's lucky day at an upstate casino has gone up in smoke—along with his winnings. Kenneth Lamoree said he returned to his home in Solvay around 3:30 a.m. Tuesday after winning \$3,200 at the Turning Stone casino in Verona. A little more than an hour later, a fire broke out in the two-family home he shares with his fiancée and their three children. They and the family living downstairs escaped unharmed. Police evacuated residents of two neighboring houses as a precaution. The house suffered extensive damage and its contents—including Lamoree's wallet with his casino winnings—are believed to have been destroyed. Lamoree said he had planned to use the money to pay bills. The fire's cause was under investigation.

Man who asked athletes for piggyback rides jailed

TUALATIN, Ore. (AP)—A man who befriended high school athletes in Washington and Oregon and asked them for piggyback rides has been arrested in Tualatin. Police told KGW they arrested the man at a hotel on Monday on a drug-related warrant from Mount Vernon, Wash. An officer had seen him in recent days at a school event. The Oregon School Activities Association had advised athletes to look out for the suspect after

he turned up at games in Eugene and Pendleton. Executive Director Tom Welter said the man talked his way into locker rooms and got piggyback rides from some players. Terry Carter of the Bonney Lake, Wash., Police Department said the man had given a player money, then jumped on his back for a piggyback ride.

Cops: Man awaiting sobriety test takes last swig

BELLEVIEW, Fla. (AP)—Authorities said a central Florida man took one last swig of alcohol while waiting to take a sobriety test. Marion County Sheriff's deputies stopped 61-year-old Dana Seaman after noticing his car swerve three times. Seaman said he'd been drinking and agreed to a sobriety test. But first, Deputy Eric Larson said he watched Seaman drink from a cup and toss it under the passenger seat. According to a police report, the cup smelled strongly of alcohol. Seaman refused a breath test. He has been charged with DUI.

Mass. church to offer worship services for dogs

DANVERS, Mass. (AP)—A Massachusetts church is scheduled to launch a new monthly worship service - for dogs. Calvary Episcopal Church will offer later this month its first "Perfect Paws Pet Ministry" aimed at giving area pooches and their owners improved odds at get-

ting canines into heaven. The Danvers church plans to hold the service on the third Sunday of every month, complete with communion for the humans and special blessings for pets. Dogs will get special treats. Church officials said well-mannered, leashed dogs are invited. People can submit a paper prayer if their pets are sick, not good around other dogs or deceased. Prayers can also be offered for other types of pets. Rev. Thea Keith-Lucas told The Salem News dogs will have a say during service because barking won't be banned.

Runaway emu captured in SC after 10 block chase

ROCK HILL, S.C. (AP)—Why did the emu cross the street? To get away from the South Carolina police officers, animal control officers and people chasing it in Rock Hill. The Herald of Rock Hill reported the 6-foot bird ran 10 blocks through the city Tuesday, chased by as many as 50 people. Seventy-year-old Bobby Mangrum managed to capture the bird with a fishing net and managed to tie the animal's sharp feet. Mangrum owns two emus along with llamas and goats and took the big bird home with him while police try to figure out where the bird came from. Police Lt. Joe Johnson said he wasn't sure how he would phrase his report, saying the animal didn't appear to break any laws, except perhaps running from police.



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INVITATION FOR BID

NMHC IFB 2010-004

AMENDMENT #01: Change of Pre-Bid Conference Date
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Ground Maintenance Services for NMHC's Properties in Rota

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids from interested, licensed companies in the Commonwealth to provide ground maintenance services for its properties in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested firms may pick up Bid Specifications at the NMHC Office in Garapan, Saipan or at its Field Office in Songsong Village, Rota, beginning Monday, April 26, 2010, from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., during regular business hours, except CNMI holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Field Office located in the Tamara and Seven Brothers Enterprises Building in Songsong Village on Thursday, May 20, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. Bidders will have the opportunity to tour the housing subdivision and other properties owned by NMHC to be covered under the proposed contract. Attendance at this conference and site visits are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements, and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed bids must be marked **NMHC IFB 2010-004**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two (2) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, not later than **10:00 a.m., local time May 26, 2010**. Bids received after the date and time will not be accepted. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, May 26, 2010**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two (2) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **May 26, 2010**, and must be received at Procurement and Supply no later than **June 7, 2010**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **8:00 a.m., local time, June 8, 2010**. However, if no notice of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m., local time on May 26, 2010**.

NMHC hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contacts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC.

The Commonwealth Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in the bids if determined by the government to be in its best interest. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Government.

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, Procurement & Supply



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Island Snapshots

VISITING STUDENTS

Students from Guam Community College take time to pose for a group photo after a recent visit to the Northern Marianas College on Saipan. During the tour, the GCC students also enjoyed a presentation of the CNMI tourism industry by NMC business instructor Larry Lee. Other activities include GCC students hosting short workshops on various topics, such as customer service, food service, and bartending, which were mostly attended by NMC hospitality management students. In addition, the College also provided the GCC students gift bags from the NMC Bookstore.

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NOMINATION HEARING

Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), left, shakes hands with Ignacio Demapan, right, the governor's nominee for resident executive director of the Office of Indigenous Affairs, right after the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation held a public hearing on Demapan's nomination.



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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Adeleyah Mojica for placing second at the 2010 Attorney General's Cup! Greetings come from your MHS Dolphin Family. From left to right, Dr. Chas Algaier (coach), Adeleyah Mojica, and MHS principal Karen Borja.



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TRANSLATORS

Emma Lee and Yuika Osada, senior student volunteers from the Northern Marianas Academy, work on completing translations in the Korean and Japanese languages of the historic objects on exhibit at the NMI Museum of History and Culture.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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Advanced happy Mother's Day to Brigid Ann M. Magofna. We love you! Greetings come from Kiana Brinel and family.



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Advanced happy Mother's Day to Ijulinda M. Taisacan! Greetings come from your husband, children and family.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The world's greatest mommy/wife, Leslie Ann P. Sablan! Advanced happy Mother's Day and thank you for all you've done for us! We love you very much! Greetings come from Andy John, Riley James, and your honey.



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Advanced happy Mother's Day to our beautiful mother/grandma, Rose M. Magofna! We love you! Greetings come from your children, grandchildren, Tania, Ryan, Leslie Ann and Joseph.

IT&E DONATION

Northern Marianas College Foundation president Ben Babauta, left, receives a check for \$5,000 from IT&E marketing associate, Brad Ruszala, right. The donation was made in support of the college's efforts to advancing higher education in the CNMI.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 79th birthday to Inang who celebrated her birthday on May 7, 2010. Greetings come from Alex and Thena.

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Happy 2nd birthday to Joseph I. J. Sn. Kiyoshi, who will be celebrating his birthday tomorrow, May 8, 2010! Wishing you many more birthdays to come and we love very much! Greetings come from mommy, daddy, sisters, brother, grandmas, and grandpa.

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Life & Style

Isabel Allende, as the world knows, writes her novels in Spanish. She looks translations over, but has “total faith in my translators.”

So what, asks the unsuspecting, defenseless interviewer, can she do in Spanish that she can't do in English?

“Love!” she cries. “My husband would find me ridiculous if I tried to pant in English.” Then she unleashes a big laugh in all languages.

A jest like that, against type, pointed, seasoned with good humor, holds the key to Allende, 67, one of the most popular writers in the world.

Her new novel, “Island Beneath the Sea” (Harper, \$26.99), manages, like many Allende books, to frustrate easy classification.

It begins on the island that became home to Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Its main figure, Zarite, is born to an African slave who tries to kill her baby (to save her from a terrible life) and does kill herself. Known as Tete, the girl grows up as the slave of French sugarcane magnate Toulouse Valmorain.

“I never in my life thought I would write about Haiti,” says Allende. “I was in New Orleans, doing research, and I fell in love with the place. As I did more research about the history of the city, it took me to the refugees

Isabel Allende's heroines are, like their feminist creator, strong and independent

By JOHN TIMPANE
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER



In this May 17, 2007 photograph, Chilean novelist Isabel Allende poses during the 6th edition of the Rome Literature Festival in Rome, Italy. Her new novel, *Island Beneath the Sea* (Harper, \$26.99), manages, like many Allende books, to frustrate easy classification.

ALESSIA PARADISI/ABACA PRESS/MCT

with him to Cuba and then to New Orleans, as thousands did. She brings along the heritage that sustains her: the protection of Erzulie, voodoo spirit of love, dancing and beauty.

And that is an opening for Allende's use of “magic realism,” in which harsh fact braids with intimations of spirits and the occult.

For Tete, music is more than music—it is religion. She and fellow slaves connect with the divine through drums, through the kalenda dance, through communal transcendence conferred by the loas (spirits) of voodoo. For Tete, voodoo is not exotic, but rather daily life.

“That is why I say there really is no magic in the book,” Allende says. “My description of voodoo is what is still happening today. You see it in Haiti, in Brazil in Candomble, in so much of traditional New Orleans culture. Why did Toussaint-Louverture and the slaves win their fight for freedom? Because through voodoo, they experience divinity. It mounts them. It empowers them. They won because of the coherence of their spiritual beliefs.”

Tete of *Island*, a slave carrying around her neck the paper that could make her free, is marked with her moment in history. As in many Allende books, a powerful woman suffers imprisonment—in Tete's case, that of slavery—and looks for escape.

“My writing,” says Allende, “is always about freedom, about owning your own life. What always draws me is the story of the survivor. I saw many such stories in Chile during the military coup—people who within a horrible life experience solidarity, integrity, compassion.”

Born in Peru to a Chilean family, Allende is first cousin once removed of Salvador Allende, Marxist president of Chile, assassinated in 1973 in a U.S.-backed coup that instated dictator Augusto Pinochet. “That was a time of terror,” she says, “but for every person tortured, there were a thousand willing to risk their lives to help others.”

Would Chile be different now had her cousin lived? Allende says, matter-of-factly, “I think he would have served out his term and gone home. He wouldn't have become a dictator for 17 years.”

Tete's story thus arises from Allende's experience as a South American woman, as an Allende, as a feminist. “I became a feminist as a kid,” she says. “I just wanted to own my own rights. I didn't want to obey the church, the police, or a bunch of males. ...

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT



Maria Hocog Borja

Better known as
“Kitalang or Maria Dasu”

Date of Birth: January 13, 1952

Date and Time of Death: May 03, 2010 – 7:59

This is to inform the families, relatives and friends of the late Joaquin Borja and the late Rosa Hocog Borja, that their daughter, Maria Hocog Borja better known as “Kitalang or Maria Dasu”, had passed away on May 03, 2010 in California. Mass of intention is being offered at 6:00 pm at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman.

Funeral Announcement will be announced at a later date.

Thank you and dangkulu na si yuus ginen I familia.

who came there from what is now Haiti and the Dominican Republic, during the slave uprisings.

“Tete is torn between staying with the man she loves, who is a rebel fighting for freedom, and the children she has borne her master. She does what any woman would do: She chooses her children.”

When rebels torch Valmorain's cane fields, Tete and children flee

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of Catarman, Camiguin Islands, Philippines was called to her Eternal Rest at the age of 70

Last respects for Minda will be held on Friday, May 7, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the CHC Chapel. Rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. followed by Mass of intention at 8:30 p.m.

At 10:30 p.m. her remains will be escorted to the Airport where we will bid our beloved a final farewell for her return to her home in Philippines where she will have her peaceful rest.

Thank you for your love, prayers and support

Woodward book on Obama coming in September



In this Feb. 12, 2007 file photo, Bob Woodward, assistant managing editor at the Washington Post, leaves U.S. Federal Court in Washington.

NEW YORK (AP)—A Bob Woodward book on the Obama administration is coming out in September.

Simon & Schuster spokeswoman Victoria Meyer confirmed the Woodward release, currently listed on Amazon.com, but declined further comment on Wednesday. The book does not yet have a title or announced print run.

Woodward, the former investigative reporter known for his Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the Watergate scandal with Washington Post colleague Carl Bernstein, wrote four best sellers about the Bush administration that featured interviews with the president and other top officials.

Bret Michaels

says hemorrhage felt like gunshot

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Poison frontman Bret Michaels thought a burglar shot him in the back of the head when he suffered a brain hemorrhage last month that left him in intensive care for nearly two weeks.

The outspoken 47-year-old contestant on NBC's "The Celebrity Apprentice" told People magazine that the subarachnoid hemorrhage "sounded like a handgun, like it literally popped."

"It made my mind go almost blank," he said. "My neck tensed up. I couldn't move my head at all."

Michaels said after he experienced the sensation, he began pacing his living room then asked his girlfriend, Kristi Gibson, to take him to the emergency room.

"I knew I was slurring my words, and I was like 'OK, this isn't a headache. There's something really bad happening,'" he said.

Michaels recalled asking an emergency room doctor if he was going to die, and if he had a chance to survive, he didn't want his two daughters, 9-year-old Raine Elizabeth and 5-year-old Jorja Bleu, "to see me in this condition."

Michaels was recovering from his April 12 emergency appendectomy at the at his Scottsdale, Ariz., home he shares with Gibson and their two daughters when he felt the severe headache.

He was admitted into a hospital April 22 and was later diagnosed with a subarachnoid hemorrhage, which causes bleeding in the fluid-filled spaces around



AP
In this Jan. 10, 2010 photo Singer Bret Michaels arrives at the NBC Universal Winter 2010 press tour party in Pasadena, Calif.

the base of the brain.

Dr. Joseph Zabramski said at a Tuesday news conference that Michaels was expected to make a full recovery.

Michaels will receive therapy and will probably continue to suffer from severe pain for another seven to 10 days as blood pooled under his brain dissolves, said Zabramski, chief of cerebrovascular surgery at the Barrow Neurological Institute at St.

Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix.

"I'm a believer it's a combination of will and good faith," Michaels said. "Will—and good medical attention—and faith. It just wasn't my time yet. I really believe that. If I had stayed on the couch for another hour, that probably would've done me in. In a weird way, God intervened: The appendicitis forced me to come home for a couple of days."

Roger Ebert, Jim Carrey among Webby Award winners

NEW YORK (AP)—Though Roger Ebert lost his ability to speak after surgery for cancer, he has found a new and powerful voice online. The film critic was chosen as person of the year by the Webby Awards.

The 14th annual Webbys, which celebrate Internet achievement, were announced Tuesday by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, a 550-member group of Web experts.

Ebert was singled out for "raising the bar for online journalism" with his blog on the Chicago Sun-Times' website. He is also an avid Twitterer and is planning a new movie-review TV program that he says will have a strong presence online.

The Webbys also honored the rock band OK Go, famous for their viral music videos, as video artist of the year. Amy Poehler, former "Saturday Night Live" cast member and star of NBC's "Parks & Recreation," was chosen as actress of the year for her online series "Smart Girls at the Party."

The honoree for lifetime achievement went to Vin-



AP
In this March 5, 2010 file photo, Roger Ebert arrives at the Independent Spirit Awards in Los Angeles.

ton Cerf, one of the Internet's founding fathers who pioneered its communications technology at Stanford University. He is currently "chief Internet evangelist" for Google.

The Webbys have long been famous for their short speeches, which are limited to five words. (Al Gore, accepting his lifetime achievement award, said: "Please don't recount this vote.") This year's winners will accept their awards June 14 in New York at a ceremony hosted by B.J.

Novak of "The Office."

Aside from the special achievement awards, the Webbys also honor a variety of categories, each of which includes a winner picked by the academy and one picked by public voting (though the two often arrive at the same choice).

In those categories, the top winners were College Humor and The New York Times, each with five awards, including awards from both the academy and the public.

Viral video of the year went to the Muppets' cover of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody." The best mash-up or remix video went to "Auto-tune the News" from BarelyPolitical.com.

Jim Carrey's official website (<http://www.jimcarrey.com>) won for best celebrity or fan website. Filmmaker David Lynch's "Interview Project" won for best documentary series.

Lisa Kudrow's Web series, "Web Therapy," won for best comedy series, though the "people's choice" Webby in that category went to "Jake and Amir," the College Humor series.

Coroner: Haim died of pneumonia complications

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor Corey Haim died from pneumonia complicated by an enlarged heart and narrowed blood vessels, while drugs found in his system played no role in his death, the Los Angeles County coroner said Tuesday.

Haim, 38, died of natural causes from "community-acquired pneumonia" that damaged his lungs, according to an autopsy report.

Low levels of eight drugs, including both prescription and over-the-counter medications, were found in his system along with marijuana, coroner's spokesman Craig Harvey said.

"But nothing was at a level that would have contributed to his death," Harvey said.

They included tranquilizers and some common cold and flu medications, such as ibuprofen and a cough-suppressant, the

report said.

Haim, who had struggled with drug problems throughout his life, died March 10 after collapsing in his mother's apartment. Haim was ill with flu-like symptoms before his death, and police said he was taking over-the-counter and prescription medications.

"The pneumonia is what killed him," Harvey said.

Mark Heaslip, the actor's agent, did not return a phone message seeking comment Tuesday.

California Attorney General Jerry Brown said in April that Haim employed "doctor shopping" to obtain 553 prescription pills in the two months before his death. Brown called Haim—the star of 1980s films such as "The Lost Boys" and "License to Drive"—a poster child for

prescription drug abuse. He said Haim obtained powerful sedatives such as Valium and Xanax and painkillers such as Vicodin and Oxycontin.

However, no Oxycontin was found in his body, Harvey said. He noted that Haim's heart was abnormally large and factored in his death.

"His heart was 530 grams. The average normal heart weighs 300 grams," Harvey said.

Haim also had damaged lungs and arteriosclerosis of his coronary arteries, with some vessels 50-percent and even 75-percent blocked. Haim also had an enlarged liver.

Harvey said it was unclear how long Haim had suffered from the medical problems or the pneumonia or whether earlier treatment might have saved him.

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Iron Man 2

Friday	4:15	7:15	10:00
Saturday	1:20	4:15	7:15
Sunday	1:20	4:15	7:15
Mon thru Thurs	4:15	7:15	

Robert Downey, Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow
Action • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Paramount Pictures and Marvel Entertainment present the highly anticipated sequel to the blockbuster film based on the legendary Marvel Super Hero "Iron Man," reuniting director Jon Favreau and Oscar® nominee Robert Downey Jr. In "Iron Man 2," the world is aware that billionaire inventor Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is the armored Super Hero Iron Man. Under pressure from the government, the press and the public to share his technology with the military, Tony is unwilling to divulge the secrets behind the Iron Man armor because he fears the information will slip into the wrong hands.



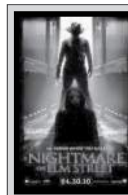
Furry Vengeance

Friday	4:30	7:25	9:35
Saturday	1:10	4:30	7:25
Sunday	1:10	4:30	7:25
Mon thru Thurs	4:30	7:25	

Brendan Frazer, Brooke Shields
Comedy, Children's/Family • Rated PG

Synopsis

A real estate mogul (Brendan Fraser) goes head-to-head with a group of furry critters looking to protect their forest from development in this Summit Entertainment/Participant Media co-production. The family-oriented comedy was written by Mr. Woodcock's Michael Carnes and Josh Gilbert.



A Nightmare on Elm Street

Friday	4:10	7:30	9:50
Saturday	1:15	4:10	7:30
Sunday	1:15	4:10	7:30
Mon thru Thurs	4:10	7:30	

Jackie Earle Haley, Kyle Gallner
Horror • Rated R

Synopsis

Platinum Dunes revives the Nightmare on Elm Street franchise with this reworking of slasher film legend Freddy Krueger, a deceased child killer who torments the dreams of the teenagers of Springwood, OH. Jackie Earle Haley picks up the killer's mantle from series veteran Robert Englund with the reboot from music-video director Samuel Bayer.



The Back-up Plan

Friday	4:00	7:00	9:30
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00
Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00
Mon thru Thurs	4:00	7:00	

Jennifer Lopez, Alex O'Loughlin
Romance, Comedy • Rated PG 13



The Losers

Friday	4:05	7:10	9:55
Saturday	1:30	4:05	7:10
Sunday	1:30	4:05	7:10
Mon thru Thurs	4:05	7:10	

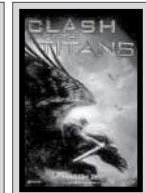
Zoe Saldana, Chris Evans
Action • Rated PG 13



The Last Song

Friday	4:20	7:05	9:40
Saturday	1:05	4:20	7:05
Sunday	1:05	4:20	7:05
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Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth
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Salary and benefits are prime topics for interview

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: My co-workers and I would like your opinion on the following question: Is it appropriate to ask about the salary during a job interview? Half of us say, "Yes. When better to ask what the pay will be?" Others say, "No, it's in poor taste." What do you think?



Dear Abby

ALL BETS ARE IN

DEAR ALL: Of course the subject of salary should be discussed during a job interview. Usually, when an interview is nearing its end, the interviewer will ask, "Do you have any questions?" If the topics of salary and benefits haven't come up before then, it's perfectly acceptable to inquire about them.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of more than 20 years decided that the grass was greener on the other side, and now I find myself on the dating scene again. I had breast reduction surgery, thinking I would be with my husband for the rest of my life. Now I don't know how to bring up the subject if I find a man with whom I want to be intimate.

I know a man should love me for who I am on the inside, but I can't help but feel that the scars I carry on the outside will make him turn and walk away. Not a day goes by that I don't regret having had the surgery, but there is nothing I can do about that now.

When do I tell the guy about my scars? I don't want this to get in the way of sharing my life with someone.

SCARRED IN ARIZONA

DEAR SCARRED: Many women have had breast reductions—some for aesthetic reasons, but others because nature blessed them with such an overabundance of tissue that it was creating painful back and shoulder problems. The surgery is neither shocking nor particularly unusual.

The time to discuss it is when you have gotten to know someone well enough that you can talk frankly with him and explain that you feel self-conscious. No gentleman who cares about you will ever walk away. And any man who does, you are well rid of before investing your heart—or anything else—in him.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Rick," and I have been married 20 years. He's a veteran who is completely disabled. We live in a very secluded area. The nearest town is 60 miles away, and I can't be gone long because of Rick's needs.

Abby, I'm lonely. My family lives in another state. Rick said years ago that we would move to where my family members are. But now he refuses because he doesn't want to leave his comfort zone.

Some days I am more down than others. Our home is on the market, but we won't be going far—just a bit closer to the town where Rick's family is. When I bring up the subject of missing my relatives, Rick gets angry so I don't say anything anymore. I long for my family—and for many other things as well. Could you share your feelings on this, please?

NOWHERE IN MONTANA

DEAR NOWHERE: Gladly. Because your husband refuses to move to where your family members are, keep your fingers crossed that it won't be too long before you find a buyer for your current home. Do move closer to his family. At least then you won't be so isolated. And once you're closer to his family, THEY can look out for him while you schedule some visits to your family. If you go a couple of times a year, it could make a big difference in your outlook.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Pa. high school student latest booted off 'Idol'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Aaron Kelly won't be doing it his way on "American Idol" anymore.

The sheepish 17-year-old high school student from Sonestown, Pa., was eliminated Wednesday from the Fox singing competition. Kelly, the ninth season's youngest finalist, received the fewest viewer votes following his lukewarm interpretation of Frank Sinatra's "Fly Me to the Moon" on Tuesday's Chairman of the Board-themed performance show.

"I've had a great time," he said following his dismissal.

Joining him in the bottom two was personal trainer Michael "Big Mike" Lynche, 26, from Queens, N.Y. Lynche, who was unanimously rescued by the show's judges three weeks ago, wowed the panel with his soulful rendition of "The Way You Look Tonight."

In recent weeks, Lynche has remained consistent, while Kelly struggled with the song selection.

Before the elimination, outrageous pop star Lady Gaga, outfitted in a fishnet body stocking and temporarily covered by a black veil, performed her song "Alejandro" with a troupe of throbbing topless male dancers.



In this publicity image released by Fox, contestant Aaron Kelly performs on "American Idol," on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

Harry Connick Jr., who served as this week's mentor, later crooned "And I Love Her" before accompanying the five finalists on a medley of his tunes.

The other contestants remaining in the singing competition

Billboard ranks Clarkson the most successful Idol

NEW YORK (AP)—Carrie Underwood may have sold more albums than Kelly Clarkson, but the original "American Idol" winner is still the most successful, according to Billboard.

Clarkson has sold 10.6 million albums, 15.9 million tracks and has had 4.2 million radio plays, according to Billboard.com, ranking her the top graduate from "Idol." Underwood has 11.5 million and 13.9 million for album and single sales, respectively. The country singer's also had 2.4 million radio plays since she won "Idol" in 2005.

The third most successful "Idol" never won the crown and wasn't even a runner up: It's Chris Daughtry, who fronts his own band, Daughtry; they have sold 5.7 million albums.



In this Feb. 7, 2009 file photo, Kelly Clarkson arrives at the Clive Davis pre-Grammy party in Beverly Hills, Calif.



ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

DirecTV, Yes to air Major League Baseball in 3D

NEW YORK (AP)—DirecTV and the Yes Network are planning to televise what they say will be the first Major League Baseball games in 3-D. The New York Yankees vs. Seattle Mariners games on July 10 and 11 will be aired in New York, Connecticut, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Montana and Idaho. The games will air at 10 p.m. EDT on July 10 and 4 p.m. EDT on July 11 from Safeco Field in Seattle. Only viewers with 3-D TV sets will be able to watch in 3-D, but the games will be

available in high-definition as well. Yes Network is a regional sports channel that airs New York Yankees and New Jersey Nets games, college games and other programming. DirecTV Inc. is the nation's largest satellite TV company. Eds: CORRECTS DirecTV name to DirecTV Inc. from DirecTV Group Inc. Moving on financial, sports and entertainment services.

Kenny Chesney's Nashville home is flooded

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country music singer Kenny Chesney is one of thousands in Nashville sifting through wa-

terlogged memories after floodwaters consumed his home this week. His publicist, Holly Gleason, says it's likely his house will be condemned after water rose past the first floor. Chesney's gym is ruined. He also lost all of his sports memorabilia, including items from when he was in high school as well as professional sports items and pictures with friends who are athletes. Chesney was in another state working on a project when the flooding happened over the weekend. Cleanup is under way and people are working to assess the damage.

James of Fort Worth, Texas.

Next week, the four finalists will be mentored by singer-actor Jamie Foxx and will perform cinema-themed songs.

Picasso art inspired by his wife sells in NY for \$9.3M

NEW YORK (AP)—A 1965 Pablo Picasso painting inspired by his wife has sold for \$9.3 million at a New York City auction.

Wednesday's price for "Woman with the Large Hat, Bust" at the Sotheby's auction house was in line with its pre-sale estimate.

The painting depicts Jacqueline Roque, who married Picasso in 1961. It hung for 50 years in the Manhattan apartment of Patricia Kennedy Lawford, a sister of former U.S. President John F. Kennedy. It was sold by Lawford's estate.

The sale came a day after a record sale for a 1932 Picasso painting of his mistress. "Nude, Green Leaves and Bust" sold at



In this undated photo provided by Sotheby's, "Femme au Grand Chapeau, Buste," by Pablo Picasso's is shown.

a Christie's auction for \$106.5 million, a world record price for any work of art at auction.

Leno takes shot at Conan O'Brien in monologue

NEW YORK (AP)—The late-night television wars are alive and well.

Jay Leno took a swipe at Conan O'Brien in his monologue Tuesday, two days after O'Brien's interview with "60 Minutes" aired on CBS. O'Brien told the newsmagazine that, if he were in Leno's shoes, he would not have taken back the "Tonight" show perch the way Leno did from him.

Leno took a shot at O'Brien when he joked about a supposed Facebook page kept by Faisal Shahzad (FY'-sul shah-ZAH'D'), the man accused of planting a car bomb in Times Square. The camera panned over the fake page to groups that Shahzad was a member of, and one of them was "Team Coco."

That's the name taken by a group of O'Brien fans angry at his treatment by NBC.



In this image taken from video and released by CBS, former "Tonight Show" host Conan O'Brien, right, talks with "60 Minutes" correspondent Steve Kroft, at O'Brien's Los Angeles home, Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

Paulina Rubio announces she is pregnant

NEW YORK (AP)—Paulina Rubio shared some big news with her fans on Twitter: She is pregnant. She tweeted: "Life has a new meaning." And she told her fans that they were going to be aunts and uncles. She gave no further details on the pregnancy. A representative from her music label, Universal Music, confirmed to The Associated Press that Rubio made the statement. Rubio will be 39 in June. She is married to a Spanish businessman. It will be her first child.

Pastimes

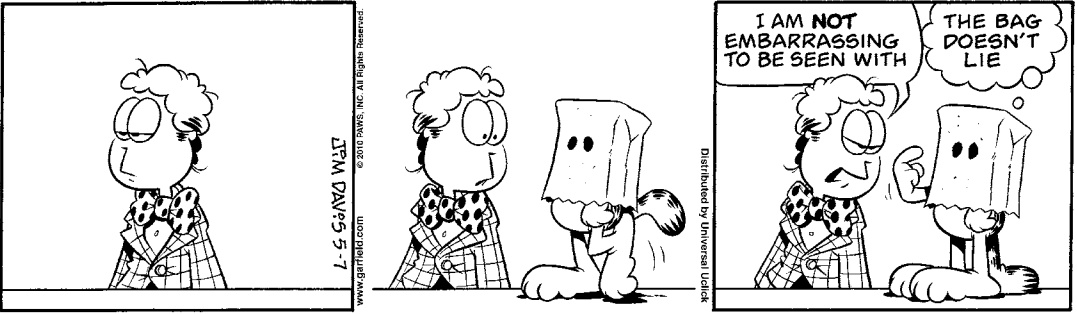
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1 Corral

4 Competent

8 Fancy

12 Roth plan, e.g.

13 Transaction

14 Took the bus

15 Old-fashioned music player

17 Unsigned (Abbr.)

18 Above

19 Relinquish

20 Bound bundles

22 Accomplishment

24 Debtor's worry

25 Sailor, often

29 Commotion

30 Dunkable treats

31 Neither partner

32 Flyer

34 Old portico

35 "My bad"

36 Prompter's job

37 Star of westerns?

40 String

41 Spell-bound

42 Wallet

46 Anger

47 Urban disturbance

48 Chemical element with the shortest name

49 Raised

50 Helps

51 Schedule abbr.

DOWN

1 Pendulum site

2 Geological period

3 Cream-filled oblong pastry

4 Threw in

5 Keg contents

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7 Wapiti

8 Ghost

9 Sharpen

10 Pedestal occupant

11 Fix

16 Tied

19 Tibetan herd

20 Mediocre

21 Verdi opera

22 Senses

23 Greenpeace subj.

25 Faucet problem

26 Poison remedy

27 Middy

28 RuPaul's costuming

30 Bassoon's cousin

33 Trained relentlessly

34 Browse the Web

36 Indianapolis team

37 Zinger

38 Culture medium

39 Venetian magistrate

40 Oaf

42 Push-up provider?

43 Square root of IX

44 Illuminated

45 "CSI" evidence

Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterday's answer 5-7

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Breckin Meyer, 36; Traci Lords, 42; Amy Heckerling, 56; Bill Kreutzmann, 64

Happy Birthday: Let your heart and sympathetic nature lead the way. This is a great year to pull together ideas and plans with your knowledge and experience in order to get things off the ground. Your hard work this year will lead to bigger and better opportunities. Your success will motivate others to follow suit. Your numbers are 3, 11, 13, 26, 33, 44, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't keep your feelings locked up inside. Extend your warmth, compassion and affection to someone who can offer you as much in return. Activities that challenge you physically will build your confidence. Love is on the rise. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Mingle, participate and join in and you will discover things about yourself and others that will help you make vital decisions for your future. You do have options, so start making the changes that contribute to a positive, more productive lifestyle. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will face criticism if you aren't totally honest, upfront and to the point. Trying to skirt issues or avoid telling someone how you really feel will backfire. Romance will be enticing but make sure you end one relationship before starting another. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Taking on more than usual may cause apprehension but, in the end, the experience you get

and the friendships you begin will be worth your while. The changes heading your way should be embraced with enthusiasm. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful how you spend your money. Being overly generous or getting involved in a risky financial scheme will lead to disaster. A solid long-term investment will bring you peace of mind and a safety net for the future. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have far more control over your situation than you realize. It's important to put your own needs first. A love interest will lead you astray. Get your work out of the way first. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Expect the unexpected, especially when dealing with colleagues and peers. Be the quiet observer and sounding board—nothing more. Focus on what you can do to brighten up your surroundings or raise the value of your home. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stop worrying about everyone else and do the things you enjoy doing. Your discipline and determination to make the changes that will improve your life will pay off. You will gain greater insight into an emotional matter. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The less time spent dealing with personal matters, the better. Not everyone will like your choices right now but, if you engage in activities that offer a challenge and interaction with new friends, you will get a better perspective. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Good fortune is heading your way and op-

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portunities will surface that you will want to be prepared to take advantage of. You can close a deal but do so for the right reason, not because someone else wants you to. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be honest about your personal situation. Getting angry will not solve problems. Keep in mind what has happened in the past when you have gotten involved in a joint venture. Keep your money and your possessions in a safe place to avoid temptation. ***

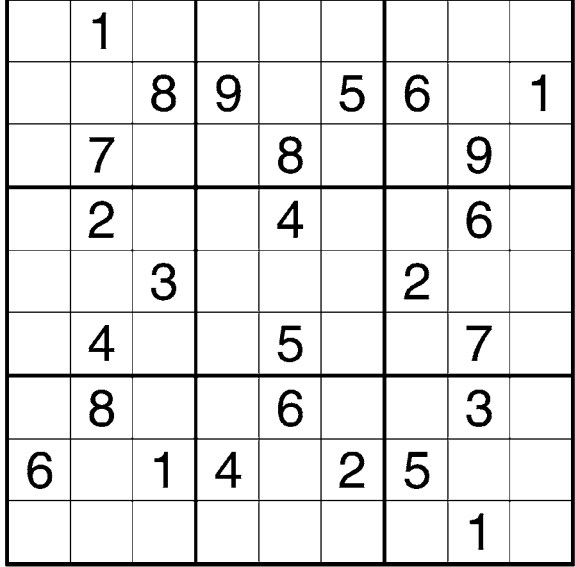
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): So much can happen in a day if you share your ideas and plans. An unusual twist to an old idea will finally get things underway. Love is in the stars and taking part in a new interest will lead to a romantic encounter. ***

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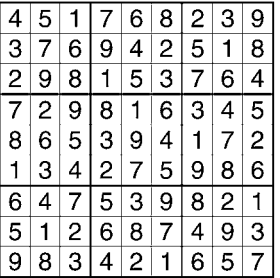
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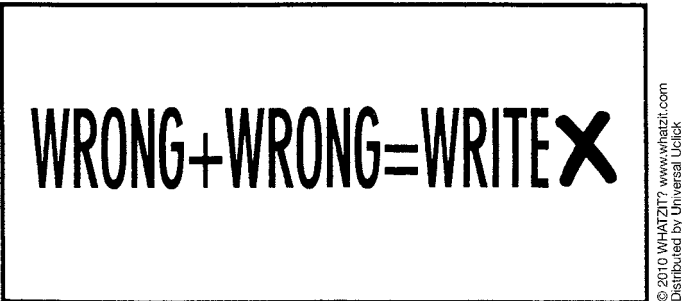
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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT


REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Program Year	Activity No.	Activity Type	Activity Name	Activity Status	Amount from program	Reprogram to
2007	389	Public Facilities	Rehabilitation of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School	New	\$800,000	
2007	390	Public Facilities	Northern Marianas Islands Football Association Soccer Facility	New		\$800,000
Total					\$800,000	\$800,000


Note: The Rehabilitation of the Gregorio T. Camacho (GTC) Elementary School has been fully funded and completed using Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Funds. For details of the completed project, please contact Ms. Vicky Villagomez, CIP Office, at 664-2406.

The public is invited to provide written and oral comments on the proposed reprogramming. Written comments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., May 7, 2010, at the main office in Garapan, Post Office Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950. Oral comments may be relayed to Jeannie P. Mafnas at telephone number (670) 234-7670, 6866, 7689, or 9447. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to submit comments may also contact Jeannie P. Mafnas at the telephone numbers above for assistance.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial
Governor, CNMI



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Head Start Policy Council Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a meeting on May 12, 2010 (Wednesday) from 5:00pm-7:00pm, Tanapag Head Start Center Resource Room, Saipan.

I. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of Minutes: April 8, 2010

II. Public Comments

III. Communications

1. From the State Board of Education
2. From the Office of Head Start

IV. Monthly Reports

1. Director
2. Managers
3. Finance
4. Council Standing Committees
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Education
 - c. Executive
 - d. Finance
 - e. Public Relations

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

1. Approval of FY 10 Supplemental Grant Application (COLA)

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Next Meeting

IX. Adjournment

Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. Public Comments are limited to 15 minutes; therefore comments are limited to 3 minutes each.

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Q. Celis at 664-3761; several days notice is required.

/s/ Mr. Gene Weaver
Chairperson



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INVITATION TO BID

ITB10-GOV-102

Municipality of Rota, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Administration and Operations Buildings Septic System

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Municipality of Rota, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Administration and Operations Buildings Septic System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be no Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting their bid. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 11:30 p.m. local time on May 20, 2010 to Mr. Carl Castro, Project Coordinator, Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB10-GOV-102"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 07, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time June 07, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 07, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. June 16, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 17, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on June 07, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by ninety (90) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

REQUEST for PROPOSALS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

RFP #10-02

INVESTMENT in a LOCAL HIGH YIELD PORTFOLIO

EXTENDED

This is a request for any and all investment proposals from interested parties or firms seeking capital sources or funding for projects or ventures within the CNMI.

MPLT Board of Trustees has recently updated its Asset Allocation and determined that a percentage (5%) of its total investment portfolio (\$3.137 million) shall be devoted to a local investment program. This local investment program will be designated as high yield investments since the associated risks are much higher than those of publicly traded investment grade securities. The reasons for this are as follows:

- Challenges to obtaining sufficient capital for projects or ventures.
- Associated promissory notes cannot be traded or sold thus have no liquidity.
- Associated promissory notes are not rated and considered less than investment grade.
- Often the local private or public sector proposer's ability to repay the loan is challenged.
- Credit rating for such borrowers is often low.
- Ability to raise capital or obtain credit is limited.
- Maximum exposure for each investment cannot be controlled.
- Sufficient collateral beyond those acquired with loan proceed is limited.

As a high yield investment, MPLT may limit the duration to a preferred five years term but longer term may be considered. This is **not** a low-income or low interest rate program. Interest rates will be determined based upon risk and duration. Due to the higher risks associated with this type of investment, a risk premium will be added to the base interest rate.

Proposal information and guidelines under this program can be obtained at the MPLT Office as shown below. Further, as part of the fee, MPLT shall include fees for servicing costs, legal review fees, consult review fees. Therefore, each applicant shall be charged a non-refundable application fee of \$500 by Cashier's Check or Money Order, due upon submission of the application. Each proposer shall agree to and shall pay an origination fee of 1% on the approved investment amount, for the closing/administrative costs for any approved proposal.

Eight (8) copies plus one original of the sealed proposals must be submitted to the MPLT Office, Government Building #1313, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 2:00 PM, on **May 26, 2010**. Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Local High Yield Investment Program, RFP 10-02"**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The MPLT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in its best interests. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the MPLT.

/s/ Phillip Mendiola-Long
Chairman



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Stoudemire leads 'Los Suns' over Spurs



PHOENIX (AP)—Los Suns ganaron. That means the Suns won. Amare Stoudemire had 23 points and 11 rebounds, Channing Frye made 5 of 6 3-pointers, and Phoenix, wearing its orange "Los Suns" jerseys in part to protest Arizona's new anti-immigration law, pulled away for a 110-102 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday night, taking a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

Steve Nash and Jason Richardson scored 19 apiece and Grant Hill added 18 in a grind-it-out game played at the Spurs' pace until the Suns started hitting 3-pointers. After starting 1 of 7 from long range Phoenix made eight of its next 12.

Tim Duncan had 29 points and 10 rebounds and Richard Jefferson rebounded from a poor Game 1 with 18 points and 10 boards for San Antonio. Tony Parker added 20 points for the Spurs.

The best-of-seven series shifts to San Antonio for Game 3 on Friday night.

Manu Ginobili, guarded mainly by Hill, was 2 of 8 from the field, including just 1 of 2 in the second half, but had 11 assists for San Antonio.

Phoenix Suns' Jared Dudley (3) celebrates a score against the San Antonio Spurs during the fourth quarter of Game 2 of an NBA second-round playoff basketball series Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Phoenix.

AP



Estranged wife, children suing Wade's girlfriend

MIAMI (AP)—Adding to an already contentious divorce battle, Dwyane Wade's estranged wife has filed a lawsuit, claiming his relationship with actress Gabrielle Union is causing her and the star Miami Heat guard's two sons emotional distress.

Dwyane Wade called the lawsuit "baseless and meritless," and Union issued a statement insisting the allegations are false.

Siohvaughn Wade filed the suit in Chicago this week, the latest chapter in the lengthy, often-nasty divorce saga between the former high school sweethearts who separated in 2007. She and Dwyane Wade had two sons, ages 8 and 2, who are listed as plaintiffs.

An attorney for Siohvaughn Wade did not immediately respond to an interview request.

"Each and every allegation made is entirely false," said C. Anthony Mulrain, an attorney for Union.

The lawsuit alleges Union "engaged in sexual foreplay" in front of the boys, which "severely inflicted the Plaintiffs emotionally and mentally." It also claims that the boys received "medium size gifts

from Dwyane Wade for Christmas last year, while Union got "the biggest gift of all."

"Defendant has played sexually explicit roles, including roles as a seductress," the lawsuit reads. "Defendant has apparently decided to take her role beyond the films and into the home of a married man, Dwyane Wade, in the presence of his two minor children."

Damages in excess of \$50,000 are being sought by Siohvaughn Wade.

Mulrain, Union's attorney, said the accusations were first made about a month ago in court, although the actress was not named as a defendant at that time.

"The court ultimately rejected these claims as frivolous," Mulrain said. "Gabrielle apologizes to the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois for tying them up with erroneous claims when there are real victims who should be receiving the legal attention they need."

The suit also alleges that the Wade's oldest son has suffered from anxiety, manifesting itself in "significant hair loss causing bald spots" and that the younger son "is suffering from feelings

of rejection and depression."

Said Dwyane Wade: "My primary concern is my children and actions such as this only inflame the situation and are harmful to their well being."

Trial in the divorce case has been scheduled for June, although a motion is pending to have that pushed back until September. Dwyane Wade's side remains hopeful that a settlement could be reached beforehand; many have been offered in recent years, all of them refused.

It's also possible that the court could rule on Dwyane Wade's custody plea before the divorce case goes to trial or is settled.

"She makes allegations about some incidents that occurred in December 2009 at or around Christmas when the children were with Dwyane, including some foreplay, hugging, kissing and other allegations," said James Pritikin, Dwyane Wade's attorney. "This pops up for the first time in this complaint, which seems to suggest to me that it's rather creative writing."

Several other matters involving the former couple are pending, including a request by Dwyane Wade for sole custody of his children and that his wife

be psychologically evaluated. Siohvaughn Wade has alleged Dwyane Wade abandoned his children and that he was "guilty of extreme and repeated mental cruelty" toward her.

"I can state with certainty that the claims Siohvaughn made about Gabrielle are untrue," Dwyane Wade said. "I am deeply saddened and disappointed that Siohvaughn has used our sons once again as pawns and is now lashing out at Gabrielle, who is an innocent party. It is clear that this is a desperate attempt to retaliate against me for seeking sole custody of our children."

A perennial All-Star and former NBA scoring champion, Dwyane Wade has a number of other lawsuits pending stemming from failed business deals. He will opt out of the final year of his contract with the Heat and become a free agent July 1, at which time he'll receive a six-year offer from Miami that could be worth about \$127 million—far more than any other NBA club could pay him.

The custody battle and divorce case, he said last week, could "overshadow" his free-agent maneuvering.

The Spurs outshot Phoenix 51 percent to 42 percent but the Suns outrebounded taller San Antonio 49-37, 18-7 on the offensive boards. Stoudemire made just 5 of 16 shots but was 11 of 13 at the free throw line. The Suns outscored the Spurs by 14 at the line, going 29 of 37 to San Antonio's 15 of 22.

The score was nearly identical to Game 1, won by Phoenix 111-102.

Referee Ron Garretson left the game after the third quarter with a leg injury. Fellow ref Joey Crawford said Garretson injured his Achilles' tendon. Substitute referee David Jones worked the final quarter.

The Suns trailed the entire first half before climbing into a 51-51 tie at the break. They had a precarious 78-76 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Stoudemire scored six points and Hill made two free throws in an 8-1 spurt that put Phoenix ahead 103-92 with 3:34 to play and San Antonio never recovered.

Parker's 3-pointer and Dun-

can's rebound dunk cut the lead to 103-97 with 2 1/2 minutes to go, but Nash floated in an underhanded left-handed bank shot and Richardson hit a 17-footer to end the comeback.

There was almost no evidence in the loud arena of the storm stirred up on Tuesday when Suns owner Robert Sarver issued a statement saying the team would wear "Los Suns" on their jerseys, to celebrate diversity on Cinco de Mayo but also to protest the immigration bill passed by the Arizona legislature and signed by Gov. Jan Brewer. The bill has drawn criticism from civil rights groups and others, including President Barack Obama, who called it "misguided."

Obama even mentioned the issue at a news conference Wednesday, referring to the series between the Spurs "and Los Suns of Phoenix."

There was one lone protester outside the arena and few if any seemed to boycott the game, as some had threatened on talk radio early in the day.

NBA BRIEFS

Kobe makes fifth straight NBA all-defensive team

NEW YORK (AP)—Kobe Bryant is on the NBA all-defensive first team for the fifth straight year. Boston Celtics guard Rajon Rondo made the first team for the first time, earning the second-most points behind the league's defensive player of the year, Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard. Charlotte Bobcats forward Gerald Wallace also made the team for the first time, with the Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James making it for the second straight year. The league's coaches vote on the team. The second team consists of San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan, guards Dwyane Wade of the Miami Heat and Thabo Sefolosha of the Oklahoma City Thunder, and forwards Josh Smith of the Atlanta Hawks and Anderson Varejao of the Cavaliers.

Garnett, Perkins miss workout for Celtics

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP)—Boston Celtics big men Kevin Garnett and Kendrick Perkins skipped practice with injuries Wednesday, but coach Doc Rivers said he expects both to play in Game 3 against the Cleveland Cavaliers. Celtics spokesman Jeff Twiss said Garnett has a mild strain in the middle of his right foot and Perkins has a hyperextended right knee. Although both were at the team's practice facility, neither practiced as the Celtics returned from a day off to begin preparations for Friday night's game. "If we had a game today, I don't think (Garnett) could

have played," Rivers said. "We just have to wait." Boston won 104-86 in Cleveland on Monday night in Game 2, tying the series at one game apiece and stealing home-court advantage from the Cavaliers, who finished the regular season with the NBA's best record. The NBA gave the teams three days off before Game 3, a schedule that the teams complained about at first but is looking better to them now.

Ainge comes clean in Cleveland towel incident

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP)—Boston Celtics general manager Danny Ainge said on Wednesday that he regrets tossing a towel in the air to distract an opponent during a free throw attempt, calling himself "unprofessional" for doing so. "This is very simple, OK: I regret that. That was very unprofessional," Ainge told WEEI-AM. "I was having fun with the hecklers and the crowd sitting around me. You know what, there's just no excuse. It was unprofessional." Ainge was caught by the TV broadcast of Monday night's game in Cleveland throwing a towel in the air when Cavaliers forward J.J. Hickson was at the line in the third quarter. Boston led by 23 points at the time, and Hickson made the free throw anyway. The Celtics went on to win 104-86 to tie the best-of-seven series at one game apiece. Afterward, Cavaliers coach Mike Brown said Ainge's behavior was "interesting" but said he had no problem with it "as long as it's within the rules." Ainge said he hoped his apology would end the matter.

Saints, Evans agree to 7-year deal



METAIRIE, La. (AP)—Once a fourth-round draft choice out of Division II Bloomsburg, Jahri Evans is now the highest-paid interior lineman in the NFL.

The Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints and Evans, who was both an All-Pro and Pro Bowler last season, agreed Wednesday on a seven-year contract worth nearly \$57 million.

A person familiar with the contract told The Associated Press the deal was for \$56.7 million, with \$19 million guaranteed. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the financial terms were not disclosed by the club.

Evans' Philadelphia-based agent, Jerrold Colton, confirmed the deal was the richest contract ever given to an NFL guard.

Evans was a restricted free agent, meaning the Saints owned his rights after a deadline passed for him to sign offer sheets from other teams. However, Evans stayed away from New Orleans' first volunteer offseason workouts while general manager Mickey Loomis and Colton worked on a long-term deal.

Loomis announced the length of the deal on Wednesday and head coach Sean Payton said the 6-foot-4, 318-pound guard

earned it.

"It's important to recognize, with what we do offensively, and the quarterback stepping up in the pocket, to have that size and talent inside the pocket I think is huge for Drew Brees and I think Drew would say the same thing," Payton said. "He's played since his rookie season at an extremely high level and what we've been able to accomplish as a team, offensively, his impact inside of the pocket, what he does, reflects a deal like that."

The Saints allowed 20 sacks last season, fourth fewest in the NFL.

New Orleans also led the league in offense for the third time in four seasons. Evans, 26, was part of Payton's first draft class in 2006 and has started all 64 regular season games since, as well as all five of the Saints' postseason games during that period.

Payton stressed that Evans played a leading role in a running game that produced 2,106 yards with Pierre Thomas and Reggie Bush sharing the bulk of the carries.

Run-blocking was Evans' forte at Bloomsburg, which went undefeated in 2005, when Evans was the left tackle and helped starting running back Jamar Brittingham rush

for 2,260 yards and 32 touchdowns. While scouts were impressed by Evans' ability to flatten defensive ends and keep tucking downfield to make another block, it was difficult to know how well he'd do against tougher competition.

Evans, a Philadelphia native, had received interest from several Division I schools after his junior year of high school, but a pick-up basketball injury forced him to miss his entire senior season and he wound up with only a partial scholarship to Bloomsburg.

When Evans entered the NFL draft, the Saints thought he was worth a fourth-round pick and he needed only a few weeks of training camp to prove that his success in Division II would indeed translate to the pros. He started right away and by his fourth season, he was an All-Pro, Pro Bowler and Super Bowl champion.

"What he's able to do in the running game, the passing game, it's much deserved on his part and I think it's exciting for us as a club," Payton said of Evans' new deal. "When you have a young, talented player the way Jahri's been, it's a credit to his work ethic, how he's produced and how consistent he's been. He's been a big part of our success as a team."

Willis gets 5-year contract extension from 49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—All-Pro linebacker Patrick Willis has developed into an NFL star under Hall of Fame linebacker Mike Singletary, and the 49ers coach expects his top defender to become better than he ever was.

Willis is a big deal to San Francisco—and he earned himself a big new deal because of it.

The standout inside linebacker signed a \$50 million, five-year contract extension with the Niners on Tuesday that takes him through the 2016 season and includes \$29 million in guaranteed money. He is set to make \$10 million per season.

"Wow. It's been a long journey but it's not over yet. I feel like it's just beginning," Willis said during a news conference at team headquarters. "It means a lot. It shows they really wanted me here—and it shows what they want and what I want are the same things: to win."

This is another big offseason splash by new San Francisco personnel chief Trent Baalke, who took charge after general manager Scot McCloughan's abrupt departure in March. The team's lead negotiator, Paraag Marathe, worked with Willis' agent, Ben Dogra, over the re-

cent months to get this done. Willis had two years left on his contract, too.

Locking up Willis for the long haul makes sure the 49ers keep their dominant defensive leader after they bolstered their offense in the draft with two linemen picked 11th and 17th overall—Rutgers' Anthony Davis and Mike Iupati out of Idaho.

"The most important message management sent today is for those guys that go out and perform, we're going to take care of our guys, and Pat is a tremendous example of that," Singletary said. "It's a great day for the 49er organization. Our management could see the value, our ownership could see the value, in a young man like Patrick Willis, who embodies everything, on the field, off the field."

The 25-year-old Willis, the 11th overall pick in the 2007 draft out of Mississippi, has led the Niners in tackles in each of his first three seasons and has made 48 straight starts. He's received plenty of comparisons to Baltimore Ravens star Ray Lewis along the way, though Singletary considers them different players.

"You can never just be great. Every day is a work in progress," said Willis, who prides himself in being able to stop the run, blitz or match up with receivers. "When I'm done playing, I want to leave a legacy that says, 'You know, this guy gave everything he had and he's one of the best players to ever play at that position.'"

In March, Willis underwent surgery on his right knee to remove an inflamed fluid sac that kept him out of this year's Pro Bowl. He said he's close to being ready to return to the field.

Before the 49ers drafted Willis, Singletary wasn't initially sold on his NFL potential. Once Singletary learned a little more about him—like the fact he basically raised three younger siblings and dealt with the drowning death of his 17-year-old brother, Detris, and that he played not only hurt but also with a heavy heart—the coach changed his stance in a hurry.

"I told Scot (McCloughan) before the draft, 'We've got to get this guy,'" Singletary said.

Singletary said Willis possesses "that passion to make every play." It's Singletary who has kept pushing Willis to improve through even more hard work—and Willis appreciates that constant presence from his coach.

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Kendrick steers Phillies over Cards



PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Kyle Kendrick threw seven

scoreless innings to steer the Philadelphia Phillies to a 4-0 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday as the National League's East division leaders overcame the Central pacesetters.

Kendrick (1-1) and Cardinals starter Brad Penny (3-2) provided an impressive pitchers' duel.

The Phillies runs came from twin two-run homers, from Placido Polanco and Shane Victorino.

Rockies 6, Padres 5, 12 innings

In San Diego, Ian Stewart's home run leading off the 12th inning gave Colorado a tight win over San Diego.

Stewart, who entered the game in the 10th, drove a pitch from Tim Stauffer (2-1) into the seats in left-center, his fifth of the season. The home run ended Stauffer's streak of 17 1-3 scoreless innings to open the season.

The loss dropped the Padres percentage points behind San Francisco in the fight for the lead of the NL West.

Reds 5, Mets 4, 10 innings

In Cincinnati, Orlando Cabrera led off the 10th inning with a home run just inside the foul pole, lifting Cincinnati over New York.

Cabrera's fifth game-ending homer, a drive off Pedro Feliciano (1-1), gave the Reds their second last-swing victory in the series.

Cincinnati's Micah Owings (3-0) pitched one perfect inning to take the win after Francisco Cordero blew a one-run lead in the ninth.

Brandon Phillips and Jonny Gomes also homered for the Reds. David Wright had a solo shot for the Mets, giving him a nine-game hitting streak that includes four homers.

Giants 3, Marlins 2

In Miami, Barry Zito pitched into the eighth inning to help San Francisco edge Florida.

Zito (5-0), off to the best start of his career, allowed only one run to lower his ERA to 1.49. He also improved to 4-0 with a 1.07 ERA in four career starts in Miami.

His reliever Sergio Romo required only six pitches to escape a bases-loaded, none-out jam. Brian Wilson gave up a run in the ninth but left runners stranded at the corners for his fifth save.

San Francisco's Aaron Rowand hit his second homer in two nights.

Giants starter Nate Robertson (2-3) lost his third decision in a row.



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Kyle Kendrick throws against the St. Louis Cardinals in the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Philadelphia.

Braves 7, Nationals 6, 10 innings

In Washington, Matt Diaz hit a tiebreaking single in the 10th inning, helping Atlanta snap an eight-game road losing skid with a victory over Washington.

Troy Glaus started the rally in the 10th with a leadoff single against Matt Capps (0-1). Melky Cabrera's sacrifice sent pinch-runner Brandon Hicks to second before Diaz, who had been hitting .185, looped a single to short right for the winner.

Atlanta's Kris Medlen (1-1) pitched a scoreless inning to take the win and Billy Wagner got three outs for his third save.

Pirates 4, Cubs 2

In Pittsburgh, Charlie Morton pitched effectively for the first time this season, guiding Pittsburgh past Chicago.

Morton (1-5), who entered with a 12.57 ERA, allowed two runs in six-plus innings and didn't walk a batter. His previous win, last season, was also against the Cubs.

Ryan Church homered for the second consecutive game and Garrett Jones had two hits and two RBIs as the Pirates improved to 9-1 in games decided by two runs or less.

Chicago starter Ted Lilly (1-2) was charged with nine hits in six innings.

Brewers 11, Dodgers 3

In Los Angeles, Prince Fielder keyed a four-run first inning with a two-run single

as Milwaukee thumped Los Angeles.

The Brewers won for only the second time this season without hitting a home run.

Milwaukee's Rickie Weeks had three hits with a walk and three RBIs.

Brewers starter Doug Davis (1-3) overcame a shaky start to win his first game of the season. He gave up three runs in 5 1-3 innings.

Dodgers starter Chad Billingsley (2-2) ceded four runs in six innings.

Astros 4, Diamondbacks 2

In Houston, the hosts snapped an eight-game losing skid by downing Arizona.

Carlos Lee's first homer of the season, a two-run shot in the ninth inning, ended the contest. Kaz Matsui drew a leadoff walk before Lee sent a long drive to left field off Juan Gutierrez (0-4).

Lee had averaged nearly 30 homers and over 100 RBIs in his first three years with Houston. This home run came in his 100th at-bat of the season — the three-time All-Star slugger began the day hitting just .198.

Astros closer Matt Lindstrom (1-0) gave up back-to-back singles with one out in the ninth, but got out of the jam when Kelly Johnson grounded into a double play.

Twins 4, Tigers 3

In Minneapolis, the Minnesota Twins completed their first series sweep of the season at the ninth attempt, beating the Detroit Tigers.

Denard Span had three singles and a walk for Minnesota, which moved 3 1-2 games above Detroit atop the AL Central.

Twins starter Kevin Slowey (4-2) allowed three home runs in 5 2-3 innings, but they were all solo shots—two by Miguel Cabrera. Closer Jon Rauch earned his eighth save in nine tries.

Tigers starter Rick Porcello (2-3) tied his career worst with four walks, allowing five runs in 5 1-3 innings.

Rays 8, Mariners 3

In Seattle, Tampa Bay boosted its extraordinary road record to 11-1 by beating Seattle.

At 20-7, Tampa Bay extended the best AL start since the 2005 Chicago White Sox.

Matt Garza (5-1) became the AL's first five-game winner, allowing five hits in eight innings.

Evan Longoria had the go-ahead hit in the eighth inning off Mariners starter Cliff Lee (0-1) who allowed 10 hits.

Seattle cleanup hitter Milton Bradley is out indefinitely, asking the Mariners for help with an emotional issue.

Athletics 4, Rangers 1

In Oakland, California, Eric Patterson homered as Oakland downed Texas.

Trevor Cahill (1-1), a 10-game winner last year as a rookie, won his first for this season after being called up from the minors. He allowed only two

runners past first in five innings.

Ryan Sweeney and Kevin Kouzmanoff produced consecutive RBI groundouts in the first as the A's took an early lead. Patterson connected in the fifth against Colby Lewis (3-1).

Blue Jays 5, Indians 4

In Cleveland, Adam Lind hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to dramatically clinch a series sweep for Toronto over Cleveland.

With two outs in the ninth, Toronto's Fred Lewis doubled for his third hit of the game. Aaron Hill followed with a slow roller that Indians' stand-in shortstop Luis Valbuena botched, ruining a chance at the game-ending out.

Lind followed with a shot to left field off Chris Perez (0-2), sending Cleveland to its fourth straight loss.

The late rally made a winner of Blue Jays reliever Jason Frasor (1-1). Toronto, which has won four straight, swept its first three-game series in Cleveland since 2002.

Yankees 7, Orioles 5

In New York, Nick Johnson and Nick Swisher homered while Mark Teixeira hit a two-run double to help New York defeat Baltimore.

The Yankees led 6-1 after seven innings, but the Orioles scored four times against five relievers, including a pair of solo homers by Matt Wieters and Nolan Reimold in the ninth.

New York starter Andy Pettitte (4-0) was pulled after five innings because of a sore elbow but improved to 7-0 in his past nine starts against Baltimore.

Orioles starter David Hernandez (0-4) lasted 3 2-3 innings, allowing six runs and four walks.

Red Sox 3, Angels 1

In Boston, the hosts sent Los Angeles to its sixth straight loss.

Red Sox starter John Lackey (3-1) pitched two-hit ball over seven innings against the team he left in the offseason.

David Ortiz hit a solo homer off Joel Pineiro (2-4), while Adrian Beltre homered and drove in two runs for Boston.

It was Boston's third straight win over the Angels, who have lost the first six games on a 10-game road trip. It's the first time the Angels have opened 0-5 in May.

White Sox 9, Royals 2

In Chicago, Freddy Garcia pitched out of several jams for Chicago as he beat Kansas City for the first time in nearly five years.

Since last beating the Royals in 2005, Garcia (1-2) had gone 0-7 with a 7.40 ERA in eight starts against them. He allowed two runs in six innings this time.

Andruw Jones and Alex Rios homered for the White Sox, who roughed up Kansas City starter Brian Bannister (1-2) for seven runs in three-plus innings.

Fans fondly remember Detroit broadcaster Harwell

DETROIT (AP)—Ernie Harwell's mellow Georgia drawl carried Detroit Tigers baseball over the airwaves for decades, conjuring for generations of fans a trip to the ballpark.

That voice now silenced, fans began coming to Comerica Park to pay their final respects to the man whose love of the game enriched the Tigers' successes and soothed the pain of losing.

The stadium was scheduled to open at 7 a.m. Thursday to allow fans to view the body of the Hall of Fame broadcaster who died Tuesday night

of cancer at age 92. The Tigers said the viewing would continue until the last fan had said goodbye.

Some fans didn't wait, dropping off small bouquets of flowers Wednesday in front of a large concrete Tiger statue outside the stadium's main gate. A hand-lettered sign stuck between the bars of the fence surrounding Comerica Park read, "Ernie Alway's the voice of summer You will be missed."

It was a refrain repeated countless times by Michigan residents, ranging

from a U.S. senator to those scraping up money for a bleacher seat.

Baseball followers, young, old and in-between, remembered Harwell by assembling makeshift memorials, posting nostalgic Facebook entries and gathering to share favorite stories about the man many in Michigan regarded as the voice of summer.

"When Ernie's voice came on, he was baseball," said Mike Eaton, who along with his wife, Sandy, strolled past the fenced-off vacant lot where Tiger Stadium stood before it was torn

down last year.

Mike Eaton owns an auto spring shop near the site. Started by his grandfather, the shop first opened across from the old ballpark in 1939.

"You knew summer was coming when Ernie Harwell was on the radio," he said. "Everyone has stories of being a kid and sneaking to keep their radios on at night to listen to late games. I did that as a kid."

More flowers, and a sign reading "ALWAYS LOVE You ERNIE!" were tied with string to the fence surround-

ing the former Tiger Stadium site. Some motorists honked horns, yelling out "Ernie" as they drove by.

Like the old stadium, Harwell was a fixture at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull. He called Tigers games for 42 of his 55 years in broadcasting, most of them at Tiger Stadium.

He announced Detroit games on the radio from 1960-1991, again in 1993 and from 1999-2002. He broadcast games on over-the-air and cable television from 1960-64 and 1994-98. The last game was played at Tiger Stadium in 1999.

Harwell called his final game at Comerica Park on Sept. 22, 2002.

Fielders deep-six D-9ers, 6-1

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Last Saturday's 2010 Saipan Senior League featured match up at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield between the Fielders and the D-9ers turned into a nice pitching duel early in the game as no runners made it to the plate until the bottom of the fourth inning.

That's when Fielders' star catcher Marvin Ngeskebei finally broke the ice with a lead off inside-the-park homerun.

The visiting D-9ers failed to answer in the top of the fifth and in the bottom half the Fielders brought in four more runs to the dish.

Peter Tenorio and another batter drew passes to first to start the inning.

Then R.J. Villagomez reached off an error and Patrick Tenorio singled in another Fielders player.

Villagomez and Tenorio would later score off an error and a wild pitch.

With the score at 5-0 after five innings, the D-9ers eventually put one run on the board as Peter Lieto reached and scored off errors.

However, the Fielders got the run back in the bottom half as Jonah Villagomez busted a triple and then scored of an error.

Winning pitcher Camacho allowed an unearned run in six innings for the Fielders with seven strikeouts, two hits, and a walk.

Zachary Aldan went five innings for the D-9ers with five strikeouts, four hits, six walks, with two earned and three unearned runs allowed.

The Fielders' defense did a better job of minimizing their mistakes out in the field as this game was mostly decided on which team made the least amount of bad throws.

After stranding 10 runners last week, the Fielders ran the bases more aggressively this time around while Camacho kept the opposing offense at bay as usual.



WALTER SUTHERLAND

Fielders pitcher Carl Camacho allowed an unearned run in six innings with seven strikeouts, two hits, and a walk in their win against D9ers last Saturday in the Senior Division of the 2010 Saipan Little League.

Lions 5, Hunters 0

The visiting Hunters struggled all game to move their base runners forward, leaving all eight of them stranded for the game.

In the bottom of the first for the Lions, Greg Iskawa and Arthur Jebehn reached base off a fielder's choice and a base hit.

They both stole a base before Leo Blas brought them in with a two RBI single.

Later in the bottom of the third, Iskawa reached with a single, then stole two bases, and scored off an error.

In the bottom of the sixth, Jebehn

singled again, stole second, and was brought home off an RBI double by Ricardo Dela Cruz.

Dela Cruz then stole third and scored off a wild pitch to make the score 5-0, Lions after six innings.

After facing five batters in the top of the seventh, the Lions' defense held on and secured their shutout.

Winning pitcher for the Lions, Ricardo Dela Cruz, allowed no runs in six and one thirds innings with six strikeouts, four hits, and two walks.

Ol'Aces 9, Hustlers 1

The visiting Hustlers just had an off day during their game against the Ol'Aces. The team fell well behind early and their offense was only able to score one sole run in the second inning as Tim Rabago hit a triple and scored off a wild pitch.

Out in the field, both the Hustlers' pitching unit and infield had arm control issues during this match up.

Four out of the five runs by the Ol'Aces in the bottom of the first inning were unearned.

Diego Camacho reached and scored off errors.

Jesse Yamagishi singled and Harry Nakamura got hit by a pitch.

Keoni Lizama reached off a fielder's choice and John Santi reached off an error that scored Yamagishi and Nakamura.

Then Phil Litulumar singled in Lizama and Santi scored off a wild pitch.

Both runs that the Ol'Aces scored in the bottom of the second were also unearned.

Camacho led off and reached off an error and Yamagishi drew a walk.

Rosco Reyes knocked in Camacho and Yamagishi scored off an error.

However, two runs that came in during the bottom of the third were earned, but one of the runners scored off yet another error.

Leonard Sablan singled, stole second, went to third off a passed ball, and then scored off an error.

Camacho singled and was driven

home by Reyes again.

The Ol'Aces were stealing bases at will all game and scored way too often off errors, wild pitches, and passed balls.

In addition to the sloppy defense, the

Hustlers offense never showed up to try to get them back in the game.

After Ol'Aces scored nine runs in the first three innings, their bats went cold, but it didn't matter because the Hustlers never answered.

Ebisuya keeps clean slate in MBL



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Members of Ebisuya pose for a group photo before their game against QQ Rent a Car in the Masters caging on Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Ebisuya won, 77-71.

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Ebisuya remained unbeaten in the 2010 MBFNM 35A Masters Basketball League, following a 77-71 victory over QQ Rent a Car on Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The win was fourth in as many games for Ebisuya, while the loss was first in three games for QQ Rent A Car.

William Opone top-scored for Ebisuya, making 20 markers, including six in the fourth quarter. Ernie Moses and Jun Tabora also finished in double figures, adding 14 and 12 markers, respectively.

Ebisuya took the win despite a slow first quarter, which ended with QQ Rent a Car on top, 21-15.

At the start of the second half, Tabora scored six straight points and Ebisuya went on to grab the lead at halftime, 35-33. Ebisuya kept the upper hand at the end of the third, 59-54, as Opone also scored in streak, firing six straight markers, while Moses canned the team's last four points in that period.

Teddy Bugay and Rey Darag tried to rally back QQ Rent a Car in the fourth, but Opone, Tabora, and Moses were there to make important baskets for Ebisuya and preserve the win.

Shakir 85, Team 12 61

In the first game, Shakir Realty stepped on the pedal in the fourth quarter en route to an 85-61 win over Team 12.

Shakir was up by only seven after the third quarter, 54-47, when Francis Rebuyon led the team's breakaway midway in the fourth for an easy win. Rebuyon scored 24 points, eight in the final canto.

Danny Dayrit and Sonny Ebuon contributed 16 and 12 markers, respectively.

After keeping Shakir at bay in the first three periods, Team 12 lost steam,

as it had only six players suiting up for the game. Tony Luzama led Team 12's losing cause with his 22 points.

IT&E 81, CGD Pawnshop 63

In the second game, IT&E held CGD Pawnshop to five points in the first quarter to pull away with an 81-63 triumph.

Edsel Mendoza outscored the entire CGD Pawnshop crew in the first period, 8-5, lifting IT&E to a commanding 26-5 lead. CGD Pawnshop never recovered from thereon, as only Jesse Stole finished in double figures for the team with his 32 markers.

IT&E had three players scoring double digits with Mendoza tallying 26, Gus Palacios adding 18, and Poland Yamada drilling 12.

First Game

Shakir Realty 85 – Rebuyon 24, Dayrit 16, S. Ebuon 12, Trajano 7, Gonzales 6, Guirey 5, Echavez 4, O. Ebuon 2, Sevilla 2.

Team 12 61 – Luzama 22, Pineda 21, Palacios 11, Duenas 6, Flores 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-19, 37-33, 54-47, 85-61.

Second Game

IT&E 81 – Mendoza 26, G. Palacios 18, Yamada 12, Manibusan 8, J. Palacios 7, Berline 4, Yumul 2, Acosta 2.

CGD Pawnshop 63 – Stole 32, Yarofalir 6, Surima 5, Alegre 5, Erediano 4, Palacios 4.

Scoring by quarters: 26-5, 46-24, 62-41, 81-63.

Third Game

Ebisuya 77 – Opone 20, Moses 14, Tabora 12, Yalung 5, Villarin 4, Olivos 4, Tobias 4, Santos 4, Casabuena 2.

QQ Rent a Car 71 – Bugay 21, Villegas 14, Darag 11, Montano 10, Liberato 7, Lopez 6, Faver 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-21, 35-33, 59-54, 77-71.

Camacho, Talavera rule Thursday Night bowling

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Del Camacho and Robert Talavera dominated the Inaugural SWTNBA Masters Bowling Tournament held early this month at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Both Camacho and Talavera topped three divisions of the tournament organized by the Saipan Women's Thursday Night Bowling Association.

First on Camacho's string of wins was the women's singles where she bested 12 other participants in three games. Camacho collected a total of 528 pinfalls after saving her best for last, carding 200 pinfalls in Game 3. She started the event with 175 pinfalls in Game 1 then had 153 in Game 2.

In the women's doubles, Del Camacho teamed up with Diane Camacho and the duo prevailed over five other pairs.

Del then completed a sort of threepeat when he she joined forces with Sue Ellis, Rita Palacios, and Diane Camacho in ruling the women's team event. The quartet played three games each and totaled 2,033 pinfalls. Camacho was the top-scorer for the team



Talavera



Camacho

with her three-game total of 539, followed by Diane Camacho (528), Palacios (506), and Ellis (460).

In the men's division, Talavera won the Masters event, single, and doubles.

Talavera knocked down a total of 2,473 pins in 12 games, outscoring 13 other male keggers. Talavera had his best showing in Game 2, posting 248 pinfalls and recorded more than 200 pinfalls in six more games for an average of 206.083.

In the men's singles event, Talavera logged more than 200 pinfalls in the first two games (125 and 234) before slowing down a bit with 195 pinfalls in Game 3 for a total of 644 pinfalls. He won by 11 pinfalls against Tony Verdager.

In the doubles event, Talavera paired with Alex Castro and the team combined for 1,233 pinfalls. Talavera was

in top form in the doubles event, as he knocked down more than 200 pinfalls in all three games, scoring 226 in Games 1 and 2 and 222 in Game 2 for a total of 674. Castro started with 201 pinfalls then had 184 and 174 in Games 1 and 2 for 559 pinfalls.

Castro was also part of the winning squad that won the team event. He, Paul Pangelinan, Tony Verdager, and Simon Manacop collected 2,302 pinfalls to beat five other teams. Castro was the best performer on the group with his three-game total of 641 pinfalls, while Manacop was second with 603 pinfalls, followed by Verdager (553) and Pangelinan (505).

Cal failed to join the winner's circle in the singles, doubles, and team, but claimed the inaugural SWTNBA Masters crown against 10 other players. Cal tallied 1,766 pinfalls in 10 games for an average of 176.6. She had his best performance in Game 5, drilling 210 pinfalls. Cal's victory prevented Del Camacho from sweeping the tournament, as the latter finished only third with her 1,695 pinfalls. Diane Camacho was runner-up with her 1,733 pinfalls.



The Exclusive Golf Association will be holding its May Ace Tournament tomorrow, May 8, at Coral Ocean Point.

Check-in time is set 12pm, while tee off is at 1pm.

The tournament is open to 24 players and for more information, call Carl Hocog at 483-3843. (PR)

Exclusive May tourney at COP

Jiivana Beach Volleyball Tourney at PIC Guam on May 15



The Pacific Islands Club in Guam is hosting the Jiivana Beach Volleyball Tournament on May 15,

beginning 9am. There is a maximum of six players per roster for the double elimination, co-ed, four-person tourney and as a rule, at least one female must be present on

the court at all times. Players will receive a 20 percent discount on spa treatment, a free yoga class coupon for all entrants, waterpark passes, and other assorted prizes will be giv-

en out from Jiivana and PIC. There is a \$20 fee per player and the deadline for registration is at 6pm on May 14. If players are under the age of eighteen, a parent or guard-

ian must sign the participant release form. Proceeds of the tournament will go to the Relay for Life. If anyone is interested in signing up for this event,

contact Jon Cramer or Amanda Puleo at 648-2448 or email spa@picguam.com, or stop by Jiivana Spa at the Pacific Islands Club. (**Walter J. Sutherland**)

FIESTA

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Mejia's contribution, Carino's 10 points and Elmer Esdrelon's seven markers, Fiesta Resort led by as much as 19 in the third canto, 64-45. MBI made a short rally in the third, cutting the lead to 14 points, 69-55, entering the final canto, which took a few minutes to start due to rain.

Rommel Usi, who did not play in the first three periods, reported to the match in the fourth and he, Carino, and John March Ong provided the timely baskets that foiled MBI's comeback bid. Usi scored eight points in the fourth and Ong matched that output, while Carino added four more points. Ong's tip-in in the last 50 seconds of the game helped halt an MBI rally. The defending champion cut the lead to as low as six, 81-87,

with less than minute left before Ong, who fumbled earlier, tried to recover the ball, fought Noel David for the rebound near the ring, and then tapped the ball in for Fiesta's 89-81 lead. **AON 96, Pepsi 89** In the first game, AON booted out Pepsi after a 96-89 win. AON notched back-to-back wins after stunning TBK last Month and improved to an even 6-6 record. Pepsi

dropped to a 3-10 record and even if it wins its last game in the regular season and gain a 4-10 mark, it will still miss the cut for the next round. A 4-10 record would only tie Pepsi with Saipan Grand Hotel/Docomo for the No. 12 spot or the last playoff seat. However, SGH/Docomo won over Pepsi in the regular season and thus has the edge in the tiebreak. Pepsi joins Hard Rock Café (1-13) and Cellular Pro (0-14)

in the showers. AON advances to the first round, joining the company of Aqua Resort, TBK, Bank of Guam, McGraw-Hill, Shirley's, and Pacific Islands Club. **First Game** **AON 96** –Tamayo 29, De Guzman 11, De Dios 14, Factor 12, Manangan 6, Catalla 7, Trasmano 4, Pantola 2. **Pepsi 89** – Lauron 34, Lansang 22, Garon 22, Obnimaga

5, Cepeda 2, Babauta 2. **Scoring by quarters:** 20-23, 49-45, 72-65, 96-89. **Second Game** **Fiesta Resort 93** – Carino 29, Esdrelon 22, J. Ong 13, Usi 8, Mejia 8, de la Torre 6, Galag 4. **MBI 84** – Nonato 21, De Vero 15, David 14, Trajano 11, Barbo 9, Cabrera 6, Achas 4, Muleta 4. **Scoring by quarters:** 21-14, 40-30, 69-55, 93-84.

OL'ACES

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passed balls. Eric Tenorio reached with a double and was singled in by David Camacho. Later in the fourth, Clyde Sablan drew a walk and scored off a passed ball to make the score 11-5, D-9ers. After a scoreless fifth,

Ol'Aces added a run as Juan Iguel sacrificed in Cepeda from third who was moved over after leading off with a double. After the run came in, the D-9ers called Clyde Sablan in relief to the mound with two outs. D-9ers starting pitcher David Camacho pitched a solid five and two-thirds innings in a losing effort with seven strikeouts, four walks, and six runs allowed; one of them unearned.

After Camacho exceeded his pitch limit, he left the mound with his team ahead, 11-6 with only four outs to go. Sablan closed out the sixth and the D-9ers did not score in the bottom half. Then in the top of the seventh, the wheels came off for the D-9ers. J.P. Lizama led off for Ol'Aces and went to first after being hit by a pitch.

Then Jimmy Brel moved him over with a single that set up a big two RBI double by Elijah Aughenbaugh. Vince Cepeda reached off an error that scored Aughenbaugh and Marvin Kaipat singled in Cepeda before getting caught at second as Juan Iguel reached first off a fielder's choice. After Lisua grounded out to second, Saralu knocked in Juan Iguel to tie the game at 11-11.

Next batter, Mike Iguel delivered a huge RBI single that brought home Saralu for the go-ahead run. After his team blew the lead, Camacho tied the game at 12-12, all by himself in the bottom half of the seventh with a lead off triple that he stretched into an inside-the-park homer. But after a scoreless eighth, Ol'Aces came back again in the top of the ninth with two

more runs. Saralu led off with a walk and was driven in by Mike Iguel. Then, Lizama drew a walk and was singled in by Cepeda. In the bottom half, David led off and stretched another triple into an inside-the-park homer to trim the lead by one with zero outs, but Ol'Aces held on to steal it as D-9ers were unable to manufacture any more runs.

BREWERS

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After a scoreless first, the home team Rangers fended off the Brewers in the top of the second and took an early five-run lead. Juan Iguel, Roy Celis, Craig Sanchez, Tyrone Omar, and Shane Yamada scored off an error, a bunt, three stolen bases, two walks, and two hits. Both teams traded runs in the third. Toi Celis led off with a base hit and was singled in by Manny Sablan for the Brewers, while in the bottom half, Juan Iguel singled and scored off an error for the Rangers. In the top of the fourth, the Brewers scored five and kept chipping away at the Rangers early lead. Jess Mesa and Dave Kapileo both led off with singles. Vince Cepeda knocked in Mesa and

Toi Celis drew a walk. Then Ron Benavente stepped up and cleared the bases with a big three RBI double. Next, Manny Sablan brought home Benavente with an RBI double. But the Rangers answered back with three runs in the bottom half. With two outs, Pete Tomokane reached with a single and Ben Taisacan drew a walk. David Camacho singled home Tomokane and Roy Celis brought in Taisacan and Camacho with a two RBI single. After four with the score at 9-6, Rangers, the Brewers got two more runs back in the fifth. In the top half, Jess Mesa led off for the Brewers with a single and Kapileo and Cepeda both drew walks. Mesa scored of a passed ball and Toi Celis connected with a 2 RBI single. In the bottom half, Tyrone Omar led off with a single, stole

second, and eventually stole home for the Rangers. In the sixth, the Rangers added a run back to their lead. The Brewers managed one run as Sablan reached on an error and was knocked in by Kapileo, but the Rangers answered with two runs of their own. Juan Iguel and Roy Celis both reached off errors. Craig Sanchez brought home Iguel and Celis would later steal home. After holding the Brewers scoreless in the top of the seventh, the Rangers increased their lead to 13-10 in the bottom half. Tomokane led off with a walk to be knocked in off a RBI double by David Camacho. All night, the pestering Brewers would not go away and they went on to tie the game in the eighth after trailing by three. Sablan led off with a double and then Mesa singled and Kapileo drew a walk. Sablan scored off an error before Mabel Ngringemelas came

up and drove in Mesa. Then Celis singled in Kapileo to tie the game. The Brewers made a big defensive stand in the bottom of the eighth to keep the game tied at 13-13. At the top of the ninth, the Brewers mustered the energy to open up one more can. Byron Kaipat led off with a single and stole second. Reno Celis singled to move Kaipat over to third and Mesa sacrificed Kaipat home for the go ahead run. In the bottom of the ninth, the Rangers came 90 feet from extending the game into extra innings. Yamada led off and reached off an error, but was gunned down by Brewers catcher Manny Sablan trying to steal second. Then Tomokane was hit by a pitch and Hector Effrain reached off an error. After a strikeout, Juan Iguel

hit a line drive to left-center field with two outs. Tomokane was waived home from second just as Brewers leftfielder Ben Cabrera caught the ball off a bounce. Cabrera fired a laser beam four feet off the ground all the

way to the plate from shallow left field where Brewers shortstop Toi Celis applied the tag at the plate to end the game and send the Brewers to the 2010 SML Championship game where they will face the Fielders in a best-of-five series.

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TRAVELING

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ally thought about it. Or cared. Now I am registered as Bluo-ranger on a Bronco message board where some threads have thousands of reads. The number one topic since I joined? Yep, Tebow. And I thought Gator Nation was enamored. Whoa! These mountaineers have almost unanimously embraced him, pointing out his good acts off the field while mounting strong defenses of a quarterback that some so-called experts said was only worth a fourth round pick. Here's important measures I

learned from Broncoland about the last six top SEC quarterbacks: Peyton Manning, Tim Couch, Eli Manning, JeMarcus Russell, Matt Stafford, and Tebow. Who had the most yards per passing attempt? Tebow. Who had the most touchdowns per passing attempt? Tebow, by far. Who had the fewest interceptions per passing attempt? Tebow, by far. Tebow's lowest passing efficiency rating for a season was higher than of the other five's best seasons. Tebow was the SEC's best passer in history. By far. Imagine that: five of the last 12 years, the top overall pick

in the NFL draft has been an SEC quarterback. The difference between those five and Tebow? The other five were number one picks. Tebow was 25th, and widely criticized by experts for that. Oh, did I mention that he also broke Herschel Walker's SEC rushing touchdowns record? If teams were willing to take a chance on those quarterbacks with the top overall pick, then why did 24 teams pass on Tebow? Why did the Jaguars think Tyson Alualu had a better chance to turn around their team than homeboy Tebow? What is the secret to the universe? I don't know. But I do know that on the first day of mini-camp Tebow was

21-for-21 passing throwing tight spirals with his new motion. Another tidbit gleaned from the message board: Ndamukong Suh, the defensive stud lineman, is considered a beast. He bench pressed 225 pounds an incredible 32 times at the NFL combine. Tebow bench pressed that weight 28 times when he was a freshman. Urban Meyer banned him from lifting after that afraid that he would be *too strong*. Oh, and no quarterback has ever jumped higher than Tebow. Now I have to decide if I need to buy a #15 Broncos jersey. And yes of course, that is the NFL's top selling jersey since the draft.

2010 IT&E Singles/Mixed Doubles Badminton Competition

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Far left, Roger Vales serves while Angie Ito looks on during their mixed doubles AB game against Hapi Gabriel and Malou Malasarte.

Left, Victor Regis, right, reaches in for the shuttlecock, while Cristy Villaflor looks on during their game against Rodwealth Espana and Marlene Peraja in the elimination round in the mixed doubles B division of the 2010 IT&E Singles/Mixed Doubles Badminton Competition at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.



Rey Bulaon returns to Dick Guintu during their men's singles A game.



Above left, Cheng Saturno waits for the ball during her and Saul Gargallo's game against Gigi Zapanta and Edwin Montoya.

Above, Elna Curate and Kanata Omori hit rackets with Rob Harrell and Tosiko Obata after their mixed doubles C game.



Left, Christy Villaflor hits a low ball during her and Victor Regis' game against Rodwealth Espana and Marlene Peraja in the mixed doubles B.



Gigi Zapanta jumps off for a return while Edwin Montoya looks on during their mixed AB game against Cheng Saturno and Saul Gargallo.



Right, Manatsu Omori returns to Rob Harrell during their men's C singles match.



Hapi Gabriel hits a volley during his and Malou Malasarte's mixed doubles AB game against Roger Vales and Angie Ito.



Maco Aguda goes for a backhand return during his men's singles A game against Andreau Galvez.



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Fiesta gains Top 3; Pepsi out

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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan delivered in a must-win situation, outclassing Micro-nesian Brokers, Inc., 93-84, during the second game in the 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League on Wednesday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

The match was last for both teams with Fiesta Resort ending the regular season with a 10-4 mark and MBI finishing with an 11-3 mark. Fiesta Resort tied with Mobil and Aqua Resort Club, but the former won the three-way deadlock and occupied the No. 3 spot as it beat both Mobil and Aqua Resort in the regular season. Mobil dropped to fourth, while Aqua Resort ended up in fifth as it lost to the former in the elimination round.



Despite the loss, MBI still secured the No. 1 spot, leading second placer Saipan World Resort/Advance (11-3), Fiesta, and Mobil (10-4) to the next round. The Top 4 placers in the 15-team field will get a bye in the first round, while the next eight will have to play in the single-elimination playoffs to advance.

With the pennant and the No. 1 spot already in the bag, MBI had nothing to lose in its last match, forcing Fiesta Resort to do most of the work to clinch the crucial win.

Edel Carino did just that, exploding for 29 points, while Fiesta Resort also drew big contribution from Rannie Mejia and Rommel Usi to nail the important victory.

Mejia, who struggled in the first quarter, redeemed himself in the third, chipping in eight points and helping Fiesta Resort pull away. With

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Fiesta Resort's Elmer Esdreton goes for a reverse layup against two MBI defenders during their game in the Shirley's caging on Wednesday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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Brewers complete upset, oust Rangers

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The Brewers eliminated the Rangers, 14-13 in Game 3 of their 2010 Saipan Major League playoff series Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

After trailing 13-10 in the eighth, the Brewers tied the game and then took the lead by one in the top of the ninth.

The Brewers would deny the Rangers from tying it up in the ninth as Brewers leftfielder Ben

Cabrera charged a fielder's choice by Juan Iguel and launched it home to shortstop Toi Celis, who in turn tagged out Pete Tomokane at the plate for the final out.

A Brewers upset didn't seem possible, especially in the early goings of the game.

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The Brewers players are all smiles after they eliminated the Rangers, 14-13, in Game 3 of their 2010 Saipan Major League best-of-three playoff series Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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Ol'Aces trump D-9ers in nine

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Ol'Aces overcame a five-run deficit in the last inning

to force the game into extra innings before prevailing against D9ers, 14-13, Tuesday night in the Big League Division of the 2010 Saipan Little League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

After forcing extra innings, Ol'Aces carried the momentum with them to victory and extend their position atop the Big League standings, to an 8-3 win-loss record, as the D-9ers, now with four wins and seven losses, will regret letting this one slip away.

In the top of the first, the visiting Ol'Aces got to work with their bats right away and brought their first four batters to the plate.

Juan Iguel, Ryan Lisua, Nokki Saralu, and Mike Iguel came in off two singles and two doubles.

The D-9ers answered back with five runs of their own as Jared Camacho, Eric Tenorio, David Camacho, Chad Atalig, and Clyde Sablan came in off three hits and a couple of errors.

In the second, Juan Iguel reached off an error and eventually stole home for Ol'Aces in the top half, while the D-9ers brought home Wally Emul and Isaiah Lizama off a walk, a hit, and a couple of errors.

With the score at 7-5, D-9ers after two, Ol'Aces' offense went cold until the sixth inning. Meanwhile, the D-9ers continued adding runs to their lead.

They scored three runs in the third and one more run in the fourth.

Nathan Castro and Isaiah Lizama reached off a walk and an error and both scored off

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Traveling bandwagon

Bought a Denver Broncos cap this week. Never in my life imagined doing something like that. I have never cheered for them. Now they are my favorite NFL team. That happened this year April 22. I can even tell you the time. It was late in the first round of the draft when Denver picked Florida Gator Tim Tebow.

When Rex Grossman got drafted by Chicago, did I suddenly become a Bears fan? No.

When Danny Wuerffel got drafted by New Orleans, did I suddenly become a Saints fan? No.

When Steve Spurrier got drafted by San Francisco, did I suddenly become a 49ers fan? No.

This is different.

I admit, I feel funny with this new founded loyalty. Set in my ways at this age, picking a new favorite team over the Bucs, Jags and Dolphins, for me it's like going into the women's restroom. "Oops, what am I doing here?"

Bronco Nation is far larger than I imagined. Truth is, I never re-

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OFF THE BENCH

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